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SOME recent changes in the laws of the Girls' and Boys' School deserve notice. Following the example of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Patrons can qualify with two hundred guineas for eighty votes, ladies and Lewises for one hundred guineas, and lodges and societies with four hundred guineas. We deem these alterations wise and seasonable, and believe that they will work well.

A VERY important question was raised on Monday last in respect of the boy HERRING, which we are glad to report elsewhere as finally settled. It would, in our humble opinion, have been an exercise of "mala fides" towards the Province of West Lancashire, after a deliberate vote of a Quarterly Court specially on the point, and a successful election, if HERRING'S admission to the School had been in any way impeded further.

A VERY remarkable circular, in its representative character, as regards the election of Grand Treasurer, which we publish elsewhere, will command attention and invoke perusal.

WE are informed that the Revised Book of Constitutions is in the printer's hands, but is not expected to be ready for delivery for some five or six weeks.

THE present position of French Masonry is a source of deep anxiety to all lovers of our good Order, to all loyal members of our Cosmopolitan Fraternity. From the admission of friends, from the inculcation of foes, its official documents and contemporary independent publications, it is all but impossible to predicate whether it is really moving or in what form of departure from our ancient and sacred landmarks it will eventually settle down. From the time that it opened its ears to the "Tempter," from the hour it yielded to the fascinations of the destructive theories of MASSOL, from the startling scene of that earthly "Apotheosis" of LITRE, its course has been a downward one. "Facilis descensus Averni." Despite the able defence of Bro. CAUBET, all impartial readers felt that Monseigneur DUPANLOUP had found out many weak points and had properly and forcibly exposed many deplorable offences against order, religion, law. As regards Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, the follies of the Commune, outrageous and revolting, the revolutionary changes in the Old Formule, the hopeless position assumed by the movement party and the "esprit forts" in the French Grand Orient, made them regard with impatience, disapproval, nay disgust, the proceedings of a body so regardless of its own interests, so forgetful of the obligations of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, as practically to take an entire "new departure," and abjure and surrender venerable truths and cherished Formule, which had stood the test of 200 years, and successfully defied the encroaching hand of time. At present French Freemasonry stands before the world, utterly ignoring the name of God, and welcoming within its pale, not only those who may be classed as Voltarian deists, but those foolish people who say in their hearts there is "no God." Toleration is the "badge of our tribe," but not tolerance of Atheism. We say nothing here of that mixing up with political questions and social discussions which constitutes the great weakness of French Freemasonry, but we feel bound to premise, as our leading principle in the discussion, that until the French Grand Orient restores to its Constitution the declaration of belief in God, the Great Architektonos, it is impossible for Anglo-Saxon Masons to share its labours, to partake of its hospitality, or to bid it "God speed." Some of us may recall VOLTAIRE'S famous lines, which we commend to all French Freemasons:

Reconnaissons un Dieu, quoique très mal servi,
De lézards et rats mon logis est rempli;
Mais l'Architecte existe, et quiconque ne Lie,
Sous le manteau de sage est atteint de manie.

We are sincerely sorry for French Freemasons and French Freemasonry. We receive authenticated statements of candidates rejected deliberately and

avowedly because they do believe in God, and the effect of the recent most lamentable changes has been to discourage a large portion of religiously-minded French Freemasons, and to bring to the fore the Sceptic, the Positivist, the open unbeliever. What chance of success an appeal can now have, practically, to ignore the past and renew intercommunication, is not difficult to predicate. Even, at this very moment, new changes are asked for, new departures are impending, and a Commission is appointed again to alter the constitution. Anglo-Saxon Freemasons will naturally ask, Whither are you going? Quo tendis? What next? With every good feeling for French Freemasons and the Grand Orient of France, with every disapproval of childish denunciations and effete persecutions, we fear that many of their words and acts lay them open to the serious animadversions of the loyal and the reverent; and until they change their practices and retrace their steps, and frequent more respectable Masonic company, we can only kindly, but firmly reply to circulars however plausible, and professions however sentimental, "Non possumus."

THERE are complaints sometimes made of type-ical mistakes, and we always bow to the accusation meekly, and submit to the agreeable "apple-twigs." But our esteemed contemporary the *Standard* has made so amusing a blunder, gravely and laboriously, that we feel comforted and soothed when "hauled over the coals." It may be meant as a joke; if so, it is rather ponderous and far-fetched. Alluding to a Mr. GEORGE SMITH, whose best abode would seem to be a House of Correction, our contemporary goes on to say "It is really wonderful what a number of errors SMITH fell into in a short space of time. He was obviously inaccurate in the suggestion that Sir JAMES INGHAM obtained a Senior Wranglership at Cambridge, for neither Sir JAMES nor any one else has ever done so, that distinction being confined to students at Oxford." Such a sentence may be a joke; but we are inclined to think that it is a slight "lapsus penna."

AMID the great destitution existing and so many sad cases of absolute penury coming before the philanthropic and charitable every day, the following paragraph, taken from a contemporary of Friday last, seems to us absolutely appalling in its folly and recklessness and waste: "The CLAIMANT was visited in the Convict Prison at Portsmouth yesterday by Mr. QUARTERMAINE EAST and other friends, who informed him that the Hon. Miss BARING had given JEAN LUIE four hundred pounds to enable him to go to Australia and obtain evidence." That the most fearful case of impudence and fraud and perjury combined that this age has seen should thus have good money thrown away upon it, when it is so much needed for countless good claims, suggests many most painful considerations. We hope that there is some mistake in the matter.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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Two days later the first election came off, when 15 out of an approved list of 16 candidates were accepted, the amount of their several annuities being determined at a special meeting held on the 26th May, the aggregate sum to be paid away amounting to £305 and being made up of five annuities of £25 each, six of £20 each, and four of £15 each. In June it was resolved on paying the Secretary an annual stipend of £50 as originally proposed, and a Finance Committee of Audit was appointed, the brethren selected to serve on it being Bros. John Havers, Isaac Walton, and John L. Evans, and their days of meeting being fixed for the third Wednesday in July, October, January, and April. In August it was announced by the Secretary that he had taken the necessary steps to have the funded property of the Institution, which up to that time had been invested in the names of the Marquis of Salisbury, D.G.M., and Richard Percival, Grand Treasurer, only, as the ex-officio Trustees, transferred to the names of the Marquis of Salisbury, Richard Percival, B. Bond Cabbell, and Isaac Walton, the two last named having been in the meantime elected by the subscribers to be Trustees in accordance with the regulations of the Charity. However, this arrangement did not stand for very long. The Marquis of Salisbury withdrew from Freemasonry altogether about this time and when Lord Howe was appointed Deputy Grand Master, his name was, as a matter of course, substituted for that of the Marquis.

In the second report which was furnished to Grand Lodge by the Committee of Management, stress was again laid on the importance of further exertions in behalf of the Fund, the character of which does not appear to have become much more widely known since the corresponding period of

the preceding year. However, from the fact that the number of applicants for its benefits, whose claims had received the approval of the Committee, was forty as against sixteen at the first election, it must be clear that the fame of the Institution had spread increasingly among those who needed its help, if not among those who could afford to contribute towards its funds. This circumstance is the more to be regretted, as though there were forty candidates, it was found possible to place only twelve on the fund, thus raising the number of annuitants to twenty-six—one of the elect in 1843 having since died. As regards the financial state of the Charity, the amount of money invested in Consols had been increased from £900 to £1300, and there was also a sum of £900 in Reduced Three per cents. The year's donations and subscriptions, irrespective of the grants by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, amounted to over £627, and the dividends on funded property to between £52 and £53; while the expenditure, including purchase of £400 Consols, somewhat exceeded £879, leaving a balance to the credit of the Institution of over £452. One other point remains to be noticed, namely, that the Committee, having duly considered the matter, came to the resolution that members of lodges in the colonies and abroad were eligible to secure the benefits of the Fund. At the July meeting of the Committee, Bro. White, Grand Secretary, announced, by command from the Earl of Zetland, that Her Majesty, though she declined to become Patroness of the Institution, had presented to it a donation of £50. In September what is happily a rare occurrence is recorded, a brother's annuity being ordered to be suspended, because, subsequently to his election on the Fund, doubts were raised as to the correctness of the age he had given, and the explanations he was requested to offer were far from being satisfactory. A resolution was also passed recommending that, in order to increase the funds of the Charity, a Festival should be held on its behalf on a day to be appointed by the Grand Master in the month of February following, but the resolution was non-confirmed at the next meeting. In January, 1845, it was agreed, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Audit, that, as the annual subscriptions became due on the 1st of January of every year, the accounts should be made up to that date. In February information was laid before the Committee to the effect that one of the candidates at the last and approaching elections had not made a faithful statement of his income, and the Secretary was ordered to place himself in communication with the brother for the purpose of ascertaining the truth or falsehood of the allegation. The result of those enquiries was that the candidate's name was removed from the list, "he not having honestly represented his circumstances to the Committee." In a somewhat similar case, which occurred only a month or two later, the inquiries that were made proved in all respects satisfactory to the candidate, the statements of the informer being characterised by Bro. Havers, who personally conducted the investigation, as being without foundation and malicious. These, unfortunately, are not the only kind of irregularities to be met with in the minutes. In March a proposition was rejected, though the applicant had been a subscribing member of a provincial lodge for ten years, and his case was supported by the lodge. But, alas for the lodge, its recommendation was ordered to be submitted to the Board of General Purposes, as, though it certified to the petitioner having been a regular member for ten years, it had only paid five years for him to the Fund of Benevolence!

The report which was presented at the Annual Meeting in May, 1845, calls for no further comment than that only five out of an approved list of forty-five candidates were placed on the fund, so raising the number of Annuitants to eight and twenty; that the funded property had increased to £2,600, all in Government Stock; and that the regulation requiring a certain proportion of the annual subscriptions should be invested had been so modified as to reduce the said proportion from two thirds to one. Indeed there is nothing mentioned of note until we reach the minutes of the 4th of January, 1846, when we find record of a letter received from Bro. M. Sangster, of the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, in which it was formally proposed that steps should be taken to bring about an amalgamation of the Asylum and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund. However, as this subject has already been dealt with in sketching the history of the Asylum, it is unnecessary to do more than refer to it here. At the Annual Meeting in May, 1846, twelve Annuitants were elected, of whom three were to fill vacancies caused by death, the Committee reporting that, in their opinion, the state of the finances justified their raising the number of beneficiaries from twenty-eight to thirty-seven. The funded property had also increased to £3,000, and as the balance in hand was large—over £880—it was ordered that a further £500 Consols be purchased. There was, indeed, but one drawback from the satisfaction generally expressed by the Committee with the position attained by the Fund, after so short a period of existence, namely, that Bro. Isaac Walton, one of the Trustees and a zealous promoter and supporter of the Institution from the very beginning, was dead; and a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Walton and the family was unanimously passed and ordered to be transmitted by the Secretary to the widow. As regards the vacant Trusteeship, Bro. Alex. Dobie was elected to fill it, the latter's place on the Committee of Management being taken by Bro. Peter Thompson. In February, 1847, the Grand Secretary reported that the Supreme Grand Chapter had passed a resolution in the preceding November, and confirmed it on the 3rd of that month to the following effect, namely, "That the sum of £100 per annum in lieu of £25 be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, on condition that the First Principal of each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes at every election of Annuitants, provided the Chapter shall have made its return, and payments if any due thereon, to the Grand Chapter for the preceding year." A special meeting was accordingly held, when a motion embodying the points of this resolution was offered and unanimously accepted. In May the number of Annuitants was increased still further to forty-four, and it was announced

that the Grand Master had given his sanction for a Festival to be held on the 9th of June following, and had himself consented to preside on the occasion; and almost as a consequence of this, it was resolved to add to Article 32 of the Regulations the following clause: "And that every brother serving the office of Steward to a Festival, and at the same time subscribing ten pounds or upwards, shall be entitled to two additional votes during life for such service." A similar proposition was made during the year following, when, though there was no falling off in the progress that had so consistently been made from the commencement, as shown by the fact of the invested funds having reached £5,000 Government Stock, the number of applicants was still largely in excess of the number of Annuities that could be granted, while many of the applicants were of very advanced age and the straits they were in were for that reason the more pitiable. However, the sum of £809 16s. was raised at this Festival of 9th June, 1847, but, as regards the second proposal, it will be seen a little later on that nothing came of it. In June, 1848, the name of a candidate was ordered to be removed from the list, a letter, apparently from a near relative, having been received to the effect that the candidate's eldest son had come into considerable property and that consequently there was no need to trespass on the bounty of the Annuity Fund. But at the very next meeting it was made known that the letter was a forgery and that the case of the candidate whose name had been removed was a most deserving one. As a matter of course so much of the June minutes as related to the removal of the name was non-confirmed, while steps were resolved to be taken with a view to ascertain, if possible, the writer or writers of the forged letter. In November, as the Earl of Zetland had been obliged to decline taking the chair at the Festival proposed to be held in aid of the Fund in the month of January following, it was resolved to invite the Earl of Yarborough, D.G.M., or, in the event of his being unable to comply with the request, Earl Howe, Past D.G.M., to occupy the chair on the occasion. Both these noble brethren, however, were under the necessity from previous engagements of declining, and as the Board of Stewards was but a very small one it was agreed to defer the Festival to a more seasonable time, the day chosen for its celebration being the 12th of June, 1849.

The Report presented at the Annual Meeting in 1849 presents one or two features which are worthy of notice. In the first place, it mentions the amounts received in the shape of donations made from the formation of the Institution by Country and London lodges and brethren respectively, those hailing from the Country figuring for about £511, and those from London for about £2277. However, the subscriptions of the former appear to have been more considerable, producing in 1848 £407 15s., while the latter's subscriptions for the same year stand at £274 10s. Then it is suggested that the troubled state of affairs then prevailing would probably account for the Committee's expectations of an increase in the receipts not having been realised, and also in a measure for the paucity of brethren who had offered their services as Stewards at the contemplated Festival on behalf of the Charity. It will be remembered that this had been originally fixed for the 30th January, but postponed to the 12th June; and it was now resolved to postpone it altogether, at least, as regards the current year. It was also suggested by the Sub-Committee entrusted with the preparation of the Report that, as the invested funds of the Institution amounted to £5400 Government Stock, namely, £2500 Consols and £2900 Three per Cent. Reduced, the rule requiring one-third of the annual subscriptions to be invested should be rescinded; but the Committee, rightly preferring in such a case to be cautious, declined to adopt the recommendation, and the rule remained in force. However, 1849 and the following year will always occupy a conspicuous position in the annals of the Institution. In the former Grand Lodge very wisely resolved on extending the Annuity system to the Widows of Freemasons, and hence the establishment of the Widows' Fund, which was started with an annual grant of £100 from United Grand Lodge, and a similar grant of £35 from Grand Chapter. In 1850 the scheme was consummated, and the management of the Fund placed in the hands of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for them to formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its administration. This was done, but as the rules were drawn up as closely as possible on the lines of those of the Male Annuity Fund, it will only be necessary to quote the regulation as to the age and classification of Annuitants; which were that the Annuities of Widows of from 55 to 65 years of age should not exceed £15; from 65 to 70 years, £20; 70 years and upwards, £25. Again, in the spring of 1849, the proposal was renewed for the amalgamation of the Asylum and the Annuity Fund, and this scheme likewise was consummated during the corresponding period of 1850. But of this latter event a full and particular account has already been given, nothing remaining to be added here beyond the announcement, made somewhat in anticipation of the time of its occurrence, that the Asylum, so far as it had been completed, was solemnly dedicated to the special purpose for which it was erected on Thursday, the 1st August, 1850, R.W. Bro. Alexander Dobie, Prov. Grand Master of Surrey and Grand Registrar, having been deputed by the M.W. Grand Master to preside at, and conduct, the ceremony; while the arrangements were in the hands of the Building Committee. As regards the latter, it is unnecessary to say more than that Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in the Town Hall, Croydon, at noon, the brethren attended Divine service at St. James's Church, when a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., Grand Chaplain, after which a hymn, specially composed, was sung by the pupils of the Girls' School. The brethren, accompanied by the children, then went in Masonic procession to the Asylum, in the hall of which the function of consecration was most impressively carried out, after which a number of ladies having silver purses to present, were introduced to the Prov. Grand Master, the whole appropriately concluding with a *déjeûner*, under the presidency of Bro. Dobie.

(To be continued.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treas., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Matthews, R. Martin, C. F. Matier, E. Letchworth, W. H. Saunders, Edgar Bowyer, Arthur E. Gladwell, Charles Belton, James Terry, J. A. Rucker, C. H. Webb, Peter de L. Long, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading of various minutes the number of candidates for the election in April was declared to be 35 and the vacancies 23.

There was notice on the paper of a motion by Bro. W. J. Murlis "that the whole of the business in conducting the elections of the House and Audit Committees be carried out in the same room as that in which the presiding officer is sitting, and that it be referred to the General Committee to consider and report on the best means for conducting such elections;" but a letter was read from Bro. Murlis that he was unable to be present, and asking that some other brother would move it in his stead. This however was not responded to, and the motion fell to the ground.

Bro. ROBT. MARTIN (West Lancashire) then moved to add to Law 63 after the word "thereof" in fifth line: "or by an annual payment, under similar conditions, of £50, provided that any person nominating a girl under this latter clause shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment during the time such girl remains in the Institution that the General Committee may require." The words of Law 63, which this addition was to follow, are "Any person may place a properly qualified girl in the Institution, provided that the girl can be conveniently admitted, upon payment of 170 guineas in one sum, without voting in respect of any part thereof." Bro. Martin said he was the representative of 4000 Masons of West Lancashire, for whom he was making this motion by their special request and with the approval of the Earl of Lathom, the Prov. Grand Master, whose letter he had in his pocket. He explained that they collected very large sums in Lancashire for the Charities, and had their own schemes under which they educated and clothed local Freemasons' children. They had not, however, a building, and thinking that the brethren in Lancashire should have the claims of the Institution constantly brought before them, they proposed to amend the law as expressed in his motion. They had means at their command to make purchase nominations; but they thought it not desirable. The first children they should propose to send would be those who had lost both parents, and they felt that in placing the children in the Girls' School they knew in whose hands they were placed. With close on £18,000 invested capital the guarantee would be a good one.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL seconded the motion. On the suggestion of Bro. Charles Belton, Bro. Martin altered his motion by inserting the words "lodge or Masonic body," instead of "person," after "provided that any."

Bro. MATIER thought that there would be an injustice to such candidates as depended on votes, if there were a long list of candidates and only eight vacancies, and a province should present eight children. That was his only objection.

The CHAIRMAN said the Quarterly Court would have the power to say they would receive one or two nominations.

Bro. TERRY observed that the motion should read "provided such girl can be conveniently admitted."

Bro. WEBB said there was much to be said in favour of the proposition, although he thought it was tending to make the School a proprietary school. A personal guarantee would not be of much value; but in the case of a province the guarantee would be good. There might be a proviso that there should not be more than two girls from one province.

After a few other observations the motion was carried unanimously.

The following motions were also carried:

By Bro. C. F. MATIER:

"Every individual donor of two hundred guineas by one payment or in sums of not less than five guineas each shall become a Patron and have eighty votes at all elections of girls."

"A lady or a lewis being a minor—contributing one hundred guineas in one or more payments of not less than five guineas each shall be a Patron with eighty votes at all elections of girls."

"A lodge, chapter, or society shall enjoy the like privileges on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of four hundred guineas."

"That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be constituted the Grand Patron."

"That H.R.H. the Princess of Wales be constituted the Grand Patroness."

By Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, for Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., Vice-Pat., seconded by Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS: "That in consideration of the special services rendered to the Institution by Mr. Prestige, he be elected an honorary Life Governor with eight votes."

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

TWELFTH-NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

On Wednesday evening the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls gave the annual twelfth-night entertainment at the Institution. The entertainment has been provided by the House Committee for some years past, and is intended for the amusement of those who do not go home for the Christmas holidays. It is always a most enjoyable entertainment, and the visitors take as much interest in it as the children themselves. Whatever may be provided as part of the entertainment dancing is always introduced, and the evening has no lack of items on the programme which can keep up a continued run of diversions. On Wednesday the programme consisted of tea and coffee at half-past five for the visitors, who arrived about five o'clock, and were received by the Committee, by Miss Jarwood, the matron, and Miss Shepherd. At six o'clock there was a ledgerdmain performance by "Hartz the Deceptionist." This part of the entertainment, as well as the ventriloquial and marionette portion, which followed at eight o'clock, was supplied from the Crystal Palace by the well known Dr. Lynn, and it gave infinite delight to the young pupils. Dancing served as an inter-

lude at seven between "Hartz" and "the Lilliputian Marionettes," and again after supper, which was supplied at nine o'clock, and the company separated shortly after eleven.

The House Committee, it is almost needless to say, were untiring in their exertions to make everyone comfortable, in which efforts they were ably supported by Miss Jarwood and Miss Shepherd. The list of visitors included the names of Frank Richardson, F. Stanley Bowyer, R. Lewis Bowyer, W. Lawrence Bowyer, Mrs. E. Bowyer, P. Morris, Rev. K. S. Morris, D.D., Eugene Montennis, Edgar Bowyer, John Toone, John B. Toone, W. P. Toone, A. S. Dicketts, P. D. Dicketts, J. F. Dicketts, R. T. Dicketts, Mrs. Dicketts, G. P. Festa, Madame Festa, George K. Wright, H. W. Massey, Mrs. Massey, Miss Massey, Mrs. Turner, L. Hirsch, C. F. Matier, J. Mount Humphries, W. J. Murlis, Joshua Nunn, Mrs. Nunn, G. S. Peachey, G. Creasey, C. Stevens, H. A. Dubois, Mrs. Dubois, Misses and M. Dubois, Master P. N. Dubois, Shadwell H. Clerke, St. J. G. S. Clerke, A. Clerke, T. H. Gardiner, P. de L. Long, Robt. Grey, John A. Rucker, F. R. W. Hedges, C. Hammerton, Mrs. Hammerton, E. Letchworth, Herbert Dicketts, Chas. M. Tate, Miss Muggidge, Mrs. Ward, Miss Bare, Miss L. Bennett, John Faulkner, G. W. Palmer, Mrs. Palmer, George H. Bowyer, Mrs. H. M. Pitt, Constance Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Seabrook, Mr. W. Seabrook, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Monday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. L. Ruf, Joseph Storey, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Raynham W. Stewart, William Roebuck, C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, Thos. W. Benton, W. Mann, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, W. W. Morgan, George Penn, Fred. Adlard, R. J. Taylor, Henry L. Andrews, Charles Belton, W. H. Main, Don. W. Dewar, Saml. H. Parkhouse, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Wm. Marsh, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Fifty-four candidates were declared to be on the list for next election, and 23 vacancies were also declared. A letter was read from Lord Holmesdale acknowledging the letter of sympathy written by order of the Committee on the death of Lady Holmesdale; and the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. C. H. WEBB, L.G., &c., then brought on the following motion: "That the resolution of the Quarterly Court, in April last, be rescinded, so far as it relates to the candidate F. A. Herring."

Bro. R. J. TAYLOR seconded the motion, which was lost.

Bro. C. H. WEBB then moved: "That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every accepted fatherless candidate, at each election, any number of votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified."

Bro. WEBB gave similar explanations for his motion to those which he gave at the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution, reported in the *Freemason* of last Saturday.

Bro. PARKHOUSE seconded the motion.

Bro. MATIER proposed as an amendment that the matter be referred to a Committee of this Institution.

After some further discussion this latter course was adopted.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, V.P., moved: "To add to the law adopted at the Quarterly Court in October last, approving the new qualification of 'Patron,' 'a lady or a Lewis being a minor, contributing 100 guineas, in one or more payments of not less than five guineas each, shall be a Patron with 80 votes at all elections of boys.' 'A lodge, chapter, or society shall enjoy the like privileges on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of 400 guineas.'"

The motion was carried.

Bro. R. W. STEWART, P.G.D., V.P., moved: "That the word 'Friday' be substituted in the second line of Law 36 for the word 'Saturday.'" He explained that the motion was meant to alter the day of meeting of the General Committee from Saturday to Friday.

A general feeling against the motion having been expressed it was withdrawn, and a vote of thanks being passed to the Chairman the meeting separated.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT CROWLE.

The brethren of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, had a very successful day on the occasion of the opening of their new premises at Crowle on the 4th inst. The new building has been erected by Bro. George Robinson, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Chamberlain. It consists of temple, ante-rooms, and other conveniences, and is well arranged for the purpose for which it has been built. The ceremony of opening the new premises was conducted by Bro. R. Wood, W.M., assisted by Bro. J. G. Bell, P.M. Bro. H. L. Burtonshaw, presided at the organ, the musical portion of the ceremony being excellently rendered. A banquet was afterwards held at the Darby and Joan Hotel. The banquet room had been neatly and tastefully decorated for the occasion. Many visiting brethren attended from various lodges. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Richard Wood; Bros. Delaney, Prov. G.D. West Yorkshire; J. G. Bell, Johnson, and others. Bro. Walker officiated as D.C. in his usual good style. The Stewards were Bros. J. Hemingbrough, I.P.M.; T. Stanforth, S.W.; T. C. Horobin, S.D.; W. Chamberlain, J.D.; W. Burtonshaw, I.G.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; and W. Harrison. Their arrangements were well planned and equally well executed, not only in the lodge, but at the banquet and subsequent concert. The fittings of the Market Hall made the concert-room look cheery and comfortable, and the concert proved a most interesting and enjoyable one, and a complete success, the lengthy programme being very ably gone through by all concerned. Although it had been thought necessary to request that there should be no encores, on account of the long list of songs and the unavoidable early departure of the Doncaster brethren, that restraint was broken through, and audience and performers seemed to become on excellent terms at once. There was a good audience.

FREEMASONRY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL, 1883.

After the rapid strides of the last few years, the Masonic Craft in the West of England, as elsewhere, has enough to do to "hold its own," and consequently upon a more rigid application of the payment of the annual subscriptions (erasure from the rolls following "arrears") the number of members has been considerably reduced in many of the lodges. For the charities Devon has done its part well during the past year, and, as a result, the list of votes has proportionately increased, the number now being close on 2,000, and that without injuring the local claims of the Educational Fund. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution festival held in February, with General Brownrigg, C.B. Prov. G.M. for Surrey, in the chair, obtained over £13,000, towards which Devon contributed £74 11s., by the Stewardship of Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1,402; and Cornwall the sum of £42, with Bro. S. G. Bake, P.M. 1,151, as Steward. At the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May, nearly £10,000 was subscribed by London and the Provinces. The Stewards from Devon were Bro. Dr. Woodman, P.M. 444, P.G.S.B. of England, Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1,402, and others, and the total realised was about £205. For Cornwall the Stewards were Bro. Captain Colvill, P.M. 339, P. Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. Bake, P.M. 1,151, Prov. G.S.B., the two lists amounting to some £75. The Chairman was the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had a magnificent success, the total realised being £22,500—the largest sum ever raised in a single year. Towards this amount Devon contributed some £320 through its Stewards, Bros. the Rev. P. Williams, P.M. 112, J. Sampson, P.M. 1,254, and John Lane, P.M. 1,402, Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189, P. Prov. G.S.W., as the manager of the votes for that Province, whose list was over £200. Cornwall was represented by Capt. Colvill and Bro. Bake, their united exertions amounting to £130 for that Province. The Chairman, Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M., presided ably at the festival in the Crystal Palace, during the year some £48,000 has been donated to the three Central Masonic Charities, and large sums have also been subscribed for the local funds—annuities and educational grants in the Provinces. These and the grants from the "Fund of Benevolence" will raise the general total to upwards of £60,000.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held in Barnstaple, it being the centenary year of the "Loyal" Lodge, No. 251, held in that town, and warranted in 1783. The returns were all made in good time, and the meeting was very successful. It is likely that the Province will be decreased to forty-nine lodges by one lodge ceasing to work. The Mark Prov. G.L. was held at Teignmouth for the consecration of the "Teignmouth" Lodge, No. 316, and the transaction of the usual business. A special meeting was also held at Torquay to inaugurate the "Jordan" Lodge, No. 319. These two new lodges are doing well, and the degree generally is in a very prosperous state, the advancement of the Prince of Wales and his election as P.G.M. doing much to call attention to its peculiar rites and ceremonies. In Knight Templary there is nothing special to report, and the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" still has a firm hold of the brethren in the West.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at St. Austell, and proved to be another of the many happy Masonic gatherings held in that county. The assembly was especially noteworthy because of the presentation to Bro. Huggan, on his leaving Truro for Torquay, of a heavy purse of gold and a jewel as Past Provincial Grand Secretary, subscribed for by the lodge and brethren in the county. The total value exceeded £250 and is the largest of the kind ever made in that province. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Hayle on the 30th August, under the banner of the "Cornubian" Lodge, No. 87, and was the most numerous and enthusiastic meeting ever held in Cornwall. The whole of the funds in the Province are in a healthy condition, and the management of the votes for the Central Masonic Charities is managed under a similar system to that of Devon with great efficiency and at only a trifling cost for "incidentals," the whole of the money being virtually devoted to the sacred cause of charity.—*Western Morning News*.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO LITERARY BROTHERN.

Last Saturday evening Bro. J. W. R. Brown, about to leave the reporting staff of the *Liverpool Mercury* for the purpose of joining the parliamentary corps of the London *Daily Telegraph*, was entertained by his numerous "comrades in arms" at a farewell dinner at the Uce Hotel, Queen-square, Liverpool. Bro. Brown, it may be stated, has been a highly esteemed member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge since its consecration, and we understand it is his intention to join the Gallery Lodge on his settlement in the metropolis. The gathering of local journalists to do honour to the special guest was the largest and most influential ever witnessed in connection with a similar occasion, most convincing testimony being thus borne to the universal esteem in which Bro. Browne is held as a representative of the Fourth Estate. Mr. John Lovell, editor of the *Liverpool Mercury* (formerly well-known and valued as manager of the Press Association in London), occupied the chair, Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D., chief of the *Mercury* reporting staff, was in the vice-chair, and there were also present Bros. W. Scott, B. Striem, Walter Burnet, Eaton Batty, T. Foulkes, Messrs. George Wylner, W. McC. Harrison, W. H. Jowett, F. Frost, J. H. McCabe, W. B. Beeson, A. Maitland, G. Wright, E. H. Edwards, J. N. Petrie, J. Thomson, W. D. Slack, S. Burrows, T. Holden, K. C. Spier, T. Gatenby, J. Phillips, T. Browne, J. Striem, W. Dittler, J. Spilling (Manchester), W. Parsonage, J. Motum, J. Mason, Harold Lee, Hamilton Lee, J. Allan, E. D. James, J. Connor, H. G. Robinson, W. Machray, J. B. Gatenby, J. Birchall, and Tomlinson.

After the toast of "The Queen," the Chairman proposed "The Guest of the Evening," and paid a high compliment to Bro. Brown for the faithful discharge of his duties during his connection with the *Mercury*.

Bro. BROWN made an appropriate response. Other speeches were delivered, in which testimony was borne to Bro. Brown's abilities as a journalist, and an earnest wish was expressed for his continued prosperity. Mrs. Farrell's catering fully sustained the high reputation of the hotel.

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

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It appears to us that such a proceeding is very undesirable. The present Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT (who was elected in April last), is a Brother who commands the good opinion of all; he is a man of good means and position, has been a most liberal contributor to our Charities, and has not only the leisure but the inclination also to assist in their work.

The Grand Treasurer is ex-officio a Trustee, and as such a member of all our Charity Committees. We think this a great advantage when such Officer will attend, and we need hardly urge that it would be most unwise to remove a brother from his office just at the time when he has made himself thoroughly qualified to perform its duties; and surely nothing can be more important than that we should have brethren of position taking an active share in the management of our Charities.

We would further urge that it is very undesirable that a yearly canvass should be made, that the Craft should be divided into parties, and new elements of discord introduced by the efforts of different sections to secure the election of their particular Candidate.

In no other instance in Masonry is it usual or would it be considered advantageous to change the Treasurer every year. We desire to express a very decided opinion that it is improper as well as impolitic for any section of Grand Lodge to call upon any brother to pledge himself that, if elected, he will only serve for one year; and we deprecate the splitting up of the Craft, which must inevitably arise if such a course of action is pursued.

We by no means desire to keep any such Officers in place for a long series of years, because we believe that it is good to have fresh blood, which is always to be found when the necessity for it arises; but we do think it is desirable that the Grand Treasurer should hold office for, at any rate, a few years; and we believe that it will be found that, as it has been heretofore, so it will in the future, be to the advantage of the Craft and of its Charities.

It is clearly to be understood that we have no party motive. We disclaim, wholly and entirely, anything approaching party action; our object is solely the welfare of the Craft generally, which should be, and is, the chief consideration of every good Mason.

We have learned that Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT will accept the office if elected; but it must be understood that he does not come forward of his own accord, but is recommended by us. Personally he is unknown to many of us; but, believing him to be a thoroughly good man for the office, and because he has already held it for nearly a year, we have determined for the reasons given to support him; and we earnestly beg all those who have the interests of the Craft solely at heart to help us in our exertions.

Any Brethren entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge, who may think it right to assist us in what we believe to be a good work, will oblige by writing to Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, 28, Golden-square, W., and inform him of their intention to support Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT; and, if they think proper, also to authorize Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON to append their names to the above, in conjunction with the following Members of Grand Lodge.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Evening Star of Severn and South Wales Times," "Masonic Home Journal," "Masonic World," "Keystone," "Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland's Reporter," "Liberal Freemason," "Rough Ashlar," "Western Daily Mercury," "The Tri-cycling Journal," "Masonic Chronicle."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1884.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ACCOMMODATION OF MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Bro. Letchworth is, no doubt, actuated by the best motives when he introduces his scheme, which appeared in last week's issue, for remedying the overcrowding at Grand Lodge; but when he states that Wardens have not acquired the knowledge or experience possessed by those who fill or have filled the Master's chair, and that in consequence they should not be allowed to enter should there be present an excess of Masters and P.M.s, I fancy he cannot have visited those lodges where I have found Masters incapable of even going through one ceremony, having to vacate their chair to some brother who is acquainted with the duties; others again who, although able to get through the first and second, cannot attempt the third, and either stop away or vacate for some one who is able. Is a Warden to journey from a distance and then have to give way to such an experienced Master?

Wardens are told to attend the Quarterly Communications; but if they, on account of their "want of experience," &c., are to be liable to be shut out for the benefit of such Masters as I have quoted, they had better stay away altogether, and thereby lose the chance of gaining the experience to be acquired at Grand Lodge.

Would it not be better for Grand Lodge to be called at say 5 for 6, or 6 for 7 p.m., and for the brethren to be able to get their bones as soon as they present themselves, and then to take their place in Grand Lodge where they pleased, so that first come first served shall hold good in their cases, and if they do not care to enter so early they then take their chance of getting a place? The fault lies in the system of not issuing the passes till it is nearly time to begin, whereby there is much crowding and inconvenience. A proper system will remove that, and brethren will not leave it till the last moment if really anxious to be present.—Yours fraternally and faithfully, S.W.

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am not disposed to question the figures given by "Liverpudlian" in answer to my letter, as they in no wise dispose of my main contention that provincial honours are not at all times fairly and justly bestowed. At the same time I cannot see that it is altogether a matter of £ s. d., as "Liverpudlian" would have us to believe. I again assert that "favouritism" to a great extent enters into the matter.

In support of this allow me to cite one or two instances which have come under my notice recently.

A certain lodge has had provincial honours conferred upon it to the number of about six within a few years, and yet not content with those, must—getting much and wanting more—"put up" two other brethren for honours, while yet another brother must commence an active agitation for his own personal advancement, in the prosecution of which he must need make one if not more visits to head quarters.

However, an intimation was given that the lodge referred to above must not "in justice" expect any more honours, but that another lodge must be selected. Now it so happened that there were two lodges which might reasonably expect to be honoured, one of which I make bold to say was in many respects more entitled to honours than the other. But a few members of what will call No. 2 Lodge by some means gained the ear and support of certain Provincial Grand Officers, and secured the honour which ought to have been given to the lodge which I modestly assert had the prior claim.

A Provincial Grand Officer some time ago, while agreeing that a certain lodge had not been justly dealt with, ventured to suggest that the members should make a representation of their claims and intimate that they expected honours to be given to them. But surely, sir, it is not proper for lodges to go to work in this manner and beg for what they are entitled to. Neither should it be permissible for individual brethren to canvass the powers that be. If the Provincial Grand Secretary is worth anything he surely ought to know what lodges are doing and what claims they have without his being subjected to a certain amount of mild intimidation.

"Liverpudlian" suggests that if brethren will only wait patiently honours will in due course come to them. Perhaps he will be astonished to know that the members of one lodge have waited patiently for over 50 years and the honours are yet in the dim future. The old saying of "hope deferred," &c., might be well applied in this case. Surely "Liverpudlian" would not say that no brother in that time was not worthy of honours, but will be willing to acknowledge that a sufficient amount of patience has been exercised, and that it is time some movement was made in the interests of

VISITING BRETHREN, Etc.—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you, or any of your readers, kindly favour me with answers to the following questions?

1. (a) Would a Mason be justified in going to a lodge, not being a subscriber of the same, three, six, or nine times notwithstanding he might have been invited by various members of the lodge which he visited; and (b) would a member of the lodge be within his right who objected to his constant visits without payment, the bye-law of the lodge on the subject being as follows: "Any Mason not a member of the lodge, but a subscribing member of some other lodge, may be allowed to visit at refreshment once in each year free of expense, but at all other times he shall pay two shillings and sixpence?"

2. In the case of the election of a W.M. where canvassing has taken place, on its being made known at the proper quarter is it likely that it would void the election?—I remain, yours fraternally,

ALPHA.

January 16th.

THE SACKVILLE MEDAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of November 10th last I find a "Query" (No. 241) from "Dryasdust," asking me "why, in his interesting little essay on the Medals of the Freemasons in the American (Masonic) Quarterly Review for 1858, he ignores the Medal of Charles Sackville."

The essay referred to was part of a series first published in 1855, 1856, in the *American Freemason*, Louisville, Kentucky, of which I was editor. I had procured from a German brother, Edward Rohr, publisher of the *Triangel* at Brooklyn, N.Y., a copy of *Numotheca Latomorum*, by Zacharias, published at Dresden, 1840. As I do not read German, Bro. Rohr translated the book for me. I had the cuts engraved at very heavy cost and commencing with Oct. 15, 1855, run the series under the title "Gallery of Masonic Medals," through a good part of a year. Here is what I said (or rather Zacharias said) of the "Sackville Medal": "Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, son of Lionel Granville Sackville, Duke of Dorset, and great grandson of Thomas Sackville who in 1561 was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of York, England, established in 1733 a lodge at Florence. This was done without regular authority, as there was no order for it in the English Constitutions, and no acknowledgment of, or permission for the act by the Grand Lodge of England, which was then under the Grand Mastership of James Lyon, Earl of Strathmore."

"Whether under the name of *Harpocrates* which is on the reverse in Masonic designs and the Eleusinian Casket with the serpent, the thyrsus-staff and the superscription *Ab Origine* are represented or, as might otherwise appear. For truth it would be difficult to say. The front side of the medal is adorned with the bust of the founder of the lodge, as the inscription shows. The name of the maker *Lorenz Natter* is seen on both sides of the Medal."

"Prof. Kohler in his *Coin Directories* (part 8, p. 129) also Bode in his pocket Book (1777, No. 1), have given copies of this, probably the oldest Masonic medal extant. In the valuable collection of Masonic medals belonging to the Minerva Lodge of the Three Palms in the East, at Leipzig there is a copy of it."

"The obverse of this medal was not shown in my 'gallery,' as the expense of engraving was so great that I limited my workmen to the *Masonic* forces. But it exhibits a bust of Lord Sackville, with the inscription—CAROLUS SACKVILLE MAGISTER, FL." (I suspect the "L" is imaginary, and that the "F" stands for *fecit*.) "The exact correspondence of the Masonic emblems in this ancient medal, struck the same year that Masonry was first

regularly introduced into America, with those in the Masonic books is very striking. (Plumb, square, level, compasses, rule, &c.)"

So much for Zacharias. Marvin, in his quite exhaustive work "The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," gives the same explanation, but adds in "Notes and Corrections" this paragraph, "It is said in 'Kenning's Cyclopaedia' that Sackville was not a Lord at all, certainly not Duke of Middlesex. Natter, who cut the dies, was a pupil of Bernard Oxe, born at Biberach, in Swabia, 1705, died at St. Petersburg, 1767, &c. He is said to have taken the Rite of Strict Observance to Stockholm and St. Petersburg, and by some Zinnendorf is thought to have obtained some of his teachings from Natter; but this is doubtful."

I have already written more than I intended, and close by pointing your strangely misnamed correspondent "Dryasdust" to page 344, vol. ii., of the "American Masonic Quarterly Review," where he will find the same account of the Sackville medal which I have given above.

ROB MORRIS.

La Grange, Kentucky, U.S.A.,
December 17th, 1883.

HAVERSTOCK HILL WORKING ORPHAN VOTES.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I am emboldened by some very kind responses to my appeal to ask if any of my brethren cannot help the case of "Emily Julia Davis," which I am assured is a very good case indeed by those who are much interested in it. The election is January 30th.—Fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W.

P.S.—Any votes for the British Orphan, January 27th, will be also gratefully received to aid a friend.—A. F. A. W.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA. 1883.

We confess that we do not rise from the perusal of these transactions with any feelings of satisfaction, or with any hopes for the future of Canadian Templary. Bitten by that "fad" of independence and severance from good "old mother country" which is so popular in Canadian Masonry just now, we feel pretty certain that as our worthy Templar brethren sow they will reap in other movements and subsequent independent jurisdictions. We never could profess to understand how Col. McLeod Moore could condescend to accept the titular honour of Great Prior "ad vitam" from a body which clearly had no power to confer it, as it could only be conferred by the same authority which made him Great Prior of Canada. Neither do we profess to comprehend their present position,—asking the Grand Prior of England to relieve them from their vows of obedience, having proclaimed themselves a National Grand Priory, and Col. McLeod Moore, holding an English warrant and commission, the Canadian Grand Prior for life. It is in fact putting the "cart before the horse," as has happened in other matters. Had the Canadian Templars originally approached their Grand Prior with a request for a permission to do what they have done, perhaps no objection would have been made to their proceedings. A willing soldier is better than many "pressed men," and it is hopeless to seek to keep up the allegiance of those who are "fretting under the curb," or unwilling to acknowledge old and legitimate authority. But having taken the law into their own hands, and to come and ask for a condonation and sanction of these proceedings, is quite a "different pair of shoes." It is not, however, a matter of much consequence, one way or the other. We assume that the Templar authorities will give up English honours and warrants, and create their own.

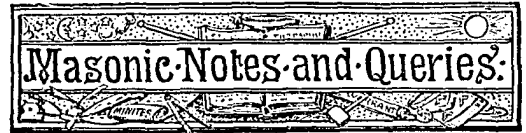
FRANCMACONERIA ESPANIOLA.

This is a little Spanish pamphlet which requires consideration. For who can understand the history of Spanish Freemasonry? "Cosas de Espana." Truly their annals are almost unrealizable and certainly unappreciated by the humble student. A very able correspondent of ours once essayed to give us an idea of Spanish Freemasonry in the *Freemason*, and as far as it went it was admirable and perfect. But we seem to gain the fact from this pamphlet that there are now three Great Bodies in Spain—the Grande Oriente Nacional; the Grande Oriente de Espana; and the Grande Oriente Lusitano y de la Gran Logia Simbolica Independiente Española. We hear, too, of Masonic confederations, congresses, &c., until we hardly see where Spanish Freemasons can find a legitimate government, as some favour one, some favour another. The Grande Oriente Nacional professes we believe to be descended from the English Lodge founded in 1728, in Madrid; but this fact is denied by some writers. It seems to have had a somewhat perilous and chequered existence, owing, no doubt, a good deal to the cruel fanaticism of the Inquisition, and the ceaseless persecutions of King Ferdinand. It seems to claim a starting point in 1767, and another in 1811; but its records are hazy. The other two jurisdictions are of later years. We think the writer of this work—Mariano Figueroa Rios, 30—of whom we otherwise know nothing, has made out his case when he proposes a union of these three bodies under one central authority. If the Spanish brethren formed a central Grand Lodge with Provincial Grand Lodges, without doubt they would soon show signs of progress and activity; as it is, we fear these ceaseless disputes and antagonisms must keep Freemasonry back. We heard at one time that they were undermined by politics and the like; we hope it was not true. Our remembrances of "Espana" are all so pleasant that we always wish well to "Spain and its people," and not the least to Spanish Freemasonry.

CATALOGUES.

Mr. John Wilson, of 12, King William-street, Charing Cross, W.C., has issued a catalogue (No. 68) of occult literature worthy the attention of all Masonic students. It contains various works on Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, Alchemy, Astrology, Hermeticism, &c., and is both interesting and novel.

A scientific gentleman of Cardiff reports the appearance on Monday night last of a comet which seems hitherto to have escaped attention. He observed it at a point 32 degrees above the horizon in a southerly direction.



285] SCOTTISH KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

If Bro. D. M. Lyon sees these Notes perhaps he can kindly help me as regards the points I call attention to. Owing to the remarkable assertions of Bro. Carson aent the Knights Templar and Masonry, and the ingenious speculations of Bro. Duncan in England, I am tempted to see if we can make out historically some facts. It is alleged in an official publication of the London Preceptory in 1850, and which is now a scarce work, that the Scottish Templar history is as follows: It is said, according to Ragman's roll, that Brian le Jay, the Preceptor of Scotland in 1306, with Johan le Sautre, swore, with others, allegiance to Edward II.; that Edward II., as in England, issued his wish to Jean de Richemund to seize all Templars in Scotland. In 1309, November 15th, William de Lambert, Bishop of St. Andrew's, and Jean de Salario, Papal delegates, examined in the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, Edinburgh, Walter de Clifton and Wm. de Middleton, whom he had alone been able to find, and that the rest of the Scottish Templars had either fled beyond the seas or were dead. They mention four others—Brian le Jay, Thomas Tocci, Thomas de Thoulouse, and Johann de Husefete. The compiler of this history asserts that Walter de Clifton declared that some had fled to the hilly country, and he therefore jumps to the conclusion that they were with Robert Bruce, and afterwards resuscitated the Royal Order of Scotland. "Wilkin's Concilia" is quoted as proving that Peter de Boulogne and other French knights fled to Scotland, and fought also at Bannockburn. We have in this no doubt the representation of the perpetuation. It is said that the Templars and Hospitalers were united in Scotland, as in England, but it is not known when. A grant of King James, 1488, is quoted as proving that they were then recognised as one body—"Knights of St. John and the Temple of Solomon." It is also said that in some law proceedings in 1748 Hugh Anderson, who went abroad in 1722, was clerk to this Brotherhood. The succession of the Grand Masters was kept up, it is declared, though soon after 1360 Sir James Sanielands and David Seton were the known official representatives. The well-known Calmet is declared to acknowledge that he received the Grand Cross from Dundee, who was Grand Master of the Templars, and that John, Earl of Mar, succeeded him, and that in 1745 Charles Edward was declared Grand Master, the Duke of Atholl demitting as Regent. This ceremony is stated, in a letter from the Duke of Perth to Lord Ogilvie, to have taken place September 20th, 1745, at Holyrood, before 10 knights. In 1788 John Oliphant succeeded Charles Edward, and at his death in 1795, owing to the opposition of Cardinal York, the appointment was not filled up. In 1807 the Cardinal died, and in 1808 Alex. Denehen was elected Grand Master, when a meeting was held, and the Duke of Kent eventually declared Grand Master to meet the requirements of the law about secret societies. He gave a charter in 1811. In 1836 Sir David Milne became Grand Master, and in 1845 Captain Brown Callender became Grand Master, and the Duke of Athol in 1846. This preceptory of the Temple of London is said to have been constituted in 1847, Alexander D. McDougal being the first of several petitioners. He was appointed temporarily Preceptor, which he resigned to the Duke of Leeds in 1849. If the matter interests any one, I could give the names of the petitioners and of all the officers in 1847.

MASONIC STUDENT.

286] OLD MASONIC CERTIFICATES.

My dear old friend Dr. Hopkins, F.C.P., &c., has kindly sent me three certificates to examine, knowing the great interest I take in all such matters. 1. The first is one issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and dated 8th November, "in the year of Masonry 5792," signed by Nichs. Loftus, Grand Secretary, and Thos. Corker, Deputy Grand Secretary, to Bro. Robert Black, of Lodge No. 521, the dexter side having the corresponding words in ink as on the other side, all the other parts being printed. The seal of the Grand Lodge bears the motto "Silentio, virtute, et amore," and certain Hebrew words. The certificate, on parchment, is of an emblematical character. 2. The Royal Arch certificate, of parchment, is wholly written, the crimson ribbon being in an excellent state of preservation; but the seal is defaced. It recites that "We, the High Priest and Grand Council assembled of the Grand Chapter of Royal Archd. Superexcellent Masonry, held in our Royal Arch Lodge of Newry, do Herby, Certify that the Bearer, our Faithful and well Beloved Brother, Robt. Black Past, Master, of our Lodge was by us Initiated into that Sublime, Degree of Royal Archd. "Superexcellent Masonry, &c." The date is 7th Nov. 1792, "of Royal Archd. Superexcellent Masonry 3253." The signatures appended precede the titles of "H.P.," "R.G.M.," "S.R.G.M.," "I.R.G.M.," "R.C.Sy.," and "D.R.G.Sy." 3. The Templar certificate is signed by the "C.Gt.," "G.M.," "G.A.," "G. Chancellor," and the "R.G.Sy." and is dated "Of the Order of Knights Templars A.D. 3790 and of the Order of Malta A.D. 922, of Arch and Mark Masonry, A.D. 3792, Book of the Law from A.D. 2416." The degrees of Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, and the "Mediterranean Pass," were conferred "Under the Sanction of a Warrant, No. 521." The seal is not legible, and is attached to black ribbon. The fact is in those days the presence of the warrant of a Craft Lodge was considered as sufficient to legalize whatever degrees were worked.

W. J. HUGHAN.

287] A PAPER MARK.

Can anyone tell me of what date and make the paper with the following mark is? A crown, a shield, a fleur-de-lyz, the figure 4 with a cross, and the letters W.R.

MASONIC STUDENT.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited) 278, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell an IMITATION of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.—[ADVT.]

ANNUAL MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

If the records of the Masonic Ball held in Liverpool in 1884 should indicate it to be the least successful of any of the series held for a long time it may now be as well to chronicle the fact (to save future discussion) that this comparative failure arose from the unaccountable and unexpected lukewarmness of brethren who ought to have been the foremost and warmest supporters of an assembly which in past years has done so much to help what is undoubtedly the most admirably and economically conducted charity in the United Kingdom, the West Lancashire Masonic Education Institution. A very strong Committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements, and a large proportion of the members performed their share of the work in a commendable manner; but the conspicuous absence of the bulk of the leaders of the Craft from the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when the ball took place, was sufficient to damp the energies of even the strongest Committee as well as prove disastrous to financial results which so closely affect the noble institution. All the more credit is due to those who bore the burden of the labour, even though it has not been crowned with the success so earnestly desired.

The ball was under the distinguished patronage of, amongst others, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Countess of Carnarvon; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lanc., and the Countess of Lathom; the Earl of Bective, Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, and the Countess of Bective; the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie; the Earl and Countess of Derby; Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; Col. Starkie, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. East Lanc.; Lord de Tapley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, D.P.G.M. West Lanc.; and Lady Constance Stanley; Sir Gilbert Greenall, PG S.W., P.P.G.S.W. West Lanc., and Lady Greenall Capt. Garnett, P.P.G.S.W. West Lanc.; James Poole, C.C., P.G.S.W.; His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool and the Mayoress; Alderman Grindley; W. Rathbone, M.P.; Samuel Smith, M.P.; Lord Claud John Hamilton, M.P., and Lady Claud John Hamilton; Col. J. Ireland Blackburne, M.P.; Edward Whitley, M.P.; Sir A. B. Walker, and A. B. Forwood, J.P.

The committee entrusted with the arrangements performed their duties most efficiently, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lanc., being the President; Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., Vice-President; Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., Chairman; Bro. Councillor T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241, Vice-Chairman; Bro. T. Whitehead, P.M. 241, Treasurer; and Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249, Honorary Secretary, the latter brother deserving much praise for the manner in which he fulfilled the onerous duties of that office. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, once more held the office of Master of Ceremonies, and his services, so freely given, were greatly valued. The routine details in connection with the management of the ball were in the hands of a large company of Stewards, capably captained by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P. Bro. J. W. Collinson's excellent quadrille bands furnished the music in the large and small ball rooms, which presented a very animated and brilliant appearance, as the brethren appeared in full regalia, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office in the Craft.

Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., of the Canton Hotel, Victoria-street, supplied the refreshments and supper, and his catering, under the superintendence of Bro. W. P. Vines, P.M. 1570 was of the highest order. The exceedingly chaste Stewards' jewels, specially manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, were generously provided by Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, the honorary secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and their spontaneous gift was much appreciated by the brethren who wore the jewel in their Stewards' office.

Additional éclat was given to the ball by the forethought of Bro. E. H. Thomson, a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, who, in anticipation of the company's contract with the Corporation, had the whole of Castle-street illuminated by the electric light, the effect being a very brilliant and striking one. The scene inside was equally effective and pleasing to the eye, the brilliant clothing and jewels of the brethren presenting a feature not to be found at any of the other charitable balls. Dancing was kept up until three o'clock in the morning, when the party separated.

GRAND MASONIC CHARITABLE BALL AT LEEDS.

A grand ball, organised by the brethren of the seven Leeds lodges, supported by the fraternity of the provinces of West and North and East Yorkshire, took place in the Victoria Hall, on Friday last. The long list of distinguished patrons included H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., Prov. G.M. West Yorks; the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorks; the Earl of Mexborough, and the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, M.P. The principal object of this—one of the largest and most brilliant gatherings of the Craft ever held in the county—was to assist the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, not only in educating, but to partially maintain, the orphans of deceased brethren. The company numbered about 300, and dispensations having been obtained, the brethren appeared in their regalia, which included the higher as well as the Craft degrees. Among the principal townspeople present were Bros. W. L. Jackson, M.P.; Barran, M.P.; the Mayor, Alderman Woodhouse; and the Town Clerk, G. W. Morrison. The hall was beautifully adorned, in the centre of the orchestra being arranged a large royal arms, backed by a trophy of national flags, overhung with a palm emblematic of the Queen's rule in India. A series of plants, interspersed with statuary, sloped down to the front of the orchestra, where it terminated in a miniature railing of white and gold, with crimson groundwork, and here and there vases bearing palms. Mirrors in crimson velvet frames with black and gold jardinières and choice plants rose from the floor of the hall fronting the orchestra, each mirror bearing an ornament in white fretwork, with Masonic designs in gold carved in the centre. All the doors of the hall were hung with white lace curtains and crimson and gold valances. Upon the face of each block of pillars were fixed large velvet mirrors with crystal candelabras, upholstered with Madras lace and velvet

valances, while the side recesses were upholstered in white lace, relieved with an amber and blue canopy, surmounted by a royal crown upon a velvet cushion. The panels of the wall were filled with groups of national flags and heraldic shields bearing the arms of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. Two large gold console tables were set out under the gallery, and bore an interesting collection of Masonic presentation plate, with flowers and palms. A number of Masonic silk banners were placed in suitable positions in the room. The gallery front was richly decorated. In the centre was affixed an immense Prince of Wales's plume, backed with a trophy of national flags, flanked by Masonic emblems, the whole front being draped with a rich crimson valance. Dancing commenced shortly after nine, and proceeded till about four o'clock in the morning. Refreshments were supplied in the vestibule, and supper was served from eleven to four in the law library. Waithman's band occupied the orchestra. The arrangements were under the superintendence of Bros. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorks., the President; Henry Smith, P.G. Sec. West Yorks; W. L. Jackson, M.P., and W. F. Smithson, Vice-Presidents; and about thirty other Stewards, the Hon-Sees. being Bros. A. W. Chapman, and A. Scarth.

GALLERY LODGE BALL.

The third annual ball in connection with the Gallery (or Press) Lodge was held at Brixton Hall, on Monday last, and was in every respect the most successful reunion which the brethren have yet organised. Among the company were Bro. and Mrs. Minstrel, Miss Wood, Bro. Massey, Mrs. Massey, Miss Massey, Miss A. Massey, Mr. H. W. Massey, Bro. W. M. Duckworth, Mrs. Duckworth, Miss Duckworth, Bro. C. F. Pardon, Mr. S. H. Pardon, Mr. E. S. Pardon, Bro. Brealey, Miss Brealey, Mr. Burton, Mrs. Burton, Bro. Pullan, Mrs. Pullan, Mr. T. Townend, Mrs. Townend, Miss Maud Townend, Mr. Butt, Bro. Preston, Mrs. Preston, Miss Myra Preston, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, Mrs. T. C. Duckworth, Bro. Perkins, Mrs. Perkins, Bro. W. Lucas, Mrs. Lucas, Bro. Albery, Miss Albery, Bro. Wilson, Mr. R. Dunning, Bro. H. Wright, Mrs. Wright, Miss Wright, Mr. Bruce, Miss Bruce, Bro. J. Moore, Mrs. Moore, Miss Moore, Bro. Chant, Mr. Rahlula, Miss Rahlula, Mr. J. D. Shaw, Bro. J. H. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. Tawl, T. Smith, Mr. Sydney J. Smith, Bro. C. Greenwood, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Verall, and the Misses Verrall, Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit, and Mrs. Stoker, Mr. Riach, Bro. F. Gale, and Mrs. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hooper, Mrs. Jordisson, Mr. C. Moore, Mr. Pallant, Mrs. Harris, Bro. and Mrs. Seabrook, Bro. C. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Bro. Whitefoot, Mr. McNeill, Bro. Capp, Miss L. M. Capp, Miss M. J. Capp, Miss S. E. Capp, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Pottle, Mrs. Pottle, Miss Pottle, Mr. R. J. Peters, and Mr. Saunders.

The hall had been decorated with foliage and flowering plants by Messrs. Lane, Bros., of Brixton-road, and the pretty dresses worn by the ladies added greatly to its tasteful appearance. Wellington's Light Cavalry string band occupied the orchestra, and performed a popular selection of music. The important task of catering both at supper and in the buffet was entrusted to the Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Limited, and the arrangements of Mr. Hook, the manager of the refreshment department, gave complete satisfaction to all present. Roper Frères' champagne was drunk, and the provision generally made by the Committee was recognised in one of the toasts proposed by Bro. Minstrel, the W.M. of the lodge. The next picnic is already being talked about, and it is probable that it will be held at Windsor and Virginia Water.



Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this old established lodge took place at Freemason's Hall, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., and was very numerously attended. Amongst the brethren were the following visitors, viz.: Bros. F. G. Baker, P.M. 753, Preceptor of the Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction; H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; W. Angus, P.M. 619; P. Croaker, P.M. 185; G. Smith, jun., P.M. 1839; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; W. Bedford, 483; M. Graham, W.M. 975; J. Addington, S.W. 217; B. Hughes, J.W. 27; M. Benjamin, J.W. 1017; R. Sly, S.D. 1625; J. H. Edwards, S.D. 619; J. S. Wood, 177; J. Jones, 1297; T. Pargeter, 1598; W. Sharman, 1158; G. C. Cannon, 1539; C. Sharman, 975; A. Cooper, 619; J. Hayes, 1457; H. Bucklehurst, 862; S. Buryan, 1348; W. Parkhouse, 1475; J. Fowler, 619; W. D. Horrocks, 1987; G. Dearberg, 1196; J. Chubb, 186; and J. Cooper, 1475.

The lodge having been duly opened under the presidency of Bro. Courtenay Wynne, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. J. C. Hodgson and E. J. Wall were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., then presented Bro. G. J. Moorcroft, S.W., for the benefit of installation, and that beautiful ceremony was most impressively performed by the retiring W.M. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. J. W. Harvey, S.W.; T. Hawkins, J.W.; J. J. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. Dyle, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Stead, S.D.; J. G. Ford, J.D.; W. Wingham, I.G.; M. D. Loewenstark, D.C.; G. Deaton, W.S.; W. Dunn, Asst. Sec.; and G. Walkley, Tyler. A ballot was taken for Mr. Robt. Bygrave and declared to be unanimous in his favour, and Bro. Moorcroft in a very able manner initiated that gentleman into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then in felicitous terms presented Bro. Courtenay Wynne with a very handsome jewel, voted to him upon his retirement from the chair, which gift was suitably acknowledged by the I.P.M., who then expressed his intention to stand as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Stead announced that he had undertaken to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School.

The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room to partake of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially

received, and interspersed with the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bros. Wood and Cooper.

Miss Helen Heath having given "The Old Song and the New," The Worshipful Master asked the brethren to charge their glasses for a toast which was received in no lodge with greater heartiness than in the Robert Burns Lodge, which was always pleased to see, and moreover usually favoured by, a good muster of visiting brethren, who on the present occasion numbered 27, amongst whom were several veterans in the Craft, and he concluded by calling upon Bros. Angus, Ball, Baker, and Stacey to respond to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Loewenstark then entertained the brethren with a masterly performance on the violin of Gounod's "Ave Maria," after which the toast of "The Visitors" was duly responded to.

Bro. Courtenay Wynne, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they all knew the interest that Bro. Moorcroft had always evinced in the Robert Burns Lodge, and they had seen that evening that he was thoroughly acquainted with his work. In the past he had been a pattern of punctuality and regular attendance, and had performed the duties of the several offices through which he had passed in a highly creditable manner. He (the I.P.M.) could but feel gratified that the choice of the brethren has fallen upon one who would so worthily occupy the chair.

After a song, "Madoline," by Bro. Wood, the W.M., whose rising was received with applause, replied to the toast of his health, thanking the brethren most sincerely for their kind wishes, and promising to do his utmost to deserve them as far as his poor ability would permit. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Courtenay Wynne," remarking that it was sufficient to point to the admirable manner in which the installation ceremony had that evening been worked to show what an excellent and hard working Mason had just retired from the chair. He (the W.M.) sincerely hoped that when the time arrived he would be able to work the installation ceremony as well as it had been worked that night.

Miss Heath having sung "John Anderson my Jo," the I.P.M., thanked them very sincerely for the cordial way in which they had received this toast of his health, and the W.M. for his flattering remarks in proposing it. He had certainly gone heart and soul into Freemasonry, and had endeavoured to perform his duties well in the different offices, but he thought he had been far behind what he had desired to be. He would again express his thanks to the brethren for the handsome jewel which he had received that night, and which he should always wear with feelings of pride and pleasure.

Bro. Cooper sang "Love's request," and the Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Initiate," said he need hardly indulge in the platitude of saying that without initiates no lodge could long survive. The gentleman whom they had initiated that evening was an old friend of his (the W.M.'s), and would prove a worthy Mason and an agreeable companion.

Bro. Bygrave responded in a few well-chosen remarks. The toasts next in order were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," which were suitably responded to, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were ably presided over by Bro. G. S. Smith, jun., 1839.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. I. Benjamin, W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of Past Masters and other members of the lodge, besides numerous visitors. The W.M. having initiated Mr. Meyer Frank, he resigned the chair to Bro. Morris Alexander, who installed Bro. Geo. Bean, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. Martin, S.W.; Dewsnap, J.W.; Wall, S.D.; G. S. Lion, J.D.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; E. P. Albert, P.M., Sec.; Hicks, I.G.; Dodson, P.M., D.C.; Davey, A.D.C.; Davis, W.S.; P. E. Van Noorden, Org.; Isaac Botibol, Steward; and Goddard, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The usual toasts followed. Bro. I. Alexander, P.M., responding to the toast of "The Joppa Lodge Benevolent Fund," said he had scarcely anything new to advance, and it would be waste of time to repeat what he had so often said before. The one thing new to them was that the Committee had had less calls on the Fund than last year or previously. Bro. Lyon, the J.D., had given a guinea to the Fund, and Bro. Frank, the initiate had also presented a guinea.

Bro. Meyer Frank responded to the toast of "The Initiate."

Bro. I. Benjamin, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that brethren when initiated felt a tie of affection to the other brethren of the lodge, but perhaps they felt a still stronger tie to the brethren initiated at the same time as themselves. That was the feeling he had with regard to the W.M., who was initiated at the same time as himself. It was a very great pleasure to him to see Bro. Bean follow him closely up to the chair. If those who so well knew Bro. Bean's ability to take the chair would take upon themselves the charge to make others happy, not only the brethren there but the Lodge of Joppa would lose none of its former lustre.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he should endeavour to do his duty in his new position, for he was sure he should receive the same hearty support and goodwill of the brethren as former Masters had received.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. I. Benjamin," and presented him with a magnificent Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge.

Bro. I. Benjamin, in acknowledging the toast, said he promised on the evening he went into the chair that he would perform his duty, and he could assure them now that he had done his best to give them satisfaction. The jewel presented to him at least showed that his endeavours had been successful.

"The Visitors" and the other toasts were afterwards given.

The evening was rendered additionally delightful by the performance of a beautiful programme of music by Miss

Clara Myers, Miss Effie Chapuy, R.A.M., Mr. Charles Murton, Mr. Basil Althaus, Mr. Walter Van Noorden, and Bro. Henry Prenton, under the able direction of Mr. Walter Van Noorden, son of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, the Organist of the lodge.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—On the 3rd inst. the installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, and was graced by the attendance of a large array of visitors, numbering twice the strength of the members of the lodge, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Houghton, Hurdell, Fowles, Newson, Barnett, Venn, Brown, Storey, Latreille, Crump, Ross, Harrison, Hurdell, Wood, Seymour Smith, and Schuller.

The retiring W.M., Bro. John Skinner, after ably performing the ceremony of initiation and passing in a very admirable manner, installed his successor, Bro. Lewis George Langdon, J.W., W.M. elect, much to the gratification of all assembled. Previous to the installation, Bro. James Kench, P.M., Treas., P.G.P., gave the address to the initiate in so impressive a manner as to elicit many expressions of regret that this part of the ceremony was so often omitted at lodge meetings. The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge: Bros. John Skinner, I.P.M.; J. W. Elvin, S.W.; Smale, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., Treas.; Jas. B. Sly, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Burt, S.D.; Bicknell, J.D.; Fenn, I.G.; and Bicknell Young, K.S. Two of the Past Masters undertook the onerous duties of D.C. and W.S., both being put to the test afterwards in the banquet room when the usual toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with some excellent music and songs.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—This excellent old lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, where they have a fine lodge room with an unusually commodious arrangement of ante-rooms, besides a good banqueting room on the same floor; and it may be said at once that the management and catering do infinite credit to Bro. F. Morgan, the proprietor. The lodge was opened punctually at half past four by Bro. W. G. Batchelor, the W.M., all the officers being also in their places, and the reading of the minutes, and the presentation of the Auditors' report. Bros. J. H. Cox and J. B. Vandenhede were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., after which Bro. Batchelor set the praiseworthy example of installing his successor, and Bro. Holmes, the S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. Not only is the working in this lodge verbally correct, but the work is executed in a very impressive manner. Good work should of course be looked for in an old lodge possessing so large a band of Past Masters as the Wellington, but it is rare we see, even in old lodges, such punctilious working as is to be found here. Bros. Peter Magee, P.M., as J.W.; and E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M., the esteemed Secretary of the lodge, as S.W.; assisted the W.M. in the ceremony, which from its rarity and solemnity produced a profound impression upon the twenty three installed Masters present. The newly installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Newal, S.W.; Catterson, jun., J.W.; West, P.M., Treas.; Bumstead, P.M., Sec.; Carman, S.D.; Kitson, jun., J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Huddle, D. of C.; John Youldon, jun., Asst. D. of C.; Hancock, W.S.; and Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Batchelor for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony was proposed by Bro. Bumstead, Sec., and seconded by Bro. West, Treas., and was carried unanimously. The W.M. in announcing the result to Bro. Batchelor took the opportunity to present to him a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which the brethren of the lodge had also voted him for the able services rendered by him during his occupation of the chair.

In acknowledging both compliments, Bro. Batchelor said that it was a part of the Master's duties to install his successor, but with him it had also been a labour of love. He was grateful to the brethren for the handsome jewel which had been presented to him, and he asked them to believe that he valued the fact that they appreciated his efforts to do his duty, far more than the jewel itself, which was merely a token of their kind feelings towards him.

Two candidates for initiation and one for joining having been proposed the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren of the lodge and their guests adjourned to the banquet room.

Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., No. 1, G.S.D.; Gardner, 177; C. Riechelmann, P.G. Org.; J. Young, 28; H. W. Wintle, 140; Charles Atkins, 1790; M. Grahame, W.M., 975; J. W. Moorman, 1638, 1681; W. F. Dennant, P.M., 1924; F. Gouldery, W.M. elect 79; B. P. Holditch, 172; H. Sanderson, 1507; E. Strickland, 169; Edward Ayling, P.M., 975; W. F. Herbage, 177; H. R. Wakefield, 1301; George Porter, 140; John Lowe, 1294; Charles Ledger, P.M., 1564; Edward Booth, 1695; James Dawkins, W.M., 79; John Garden, 1907; O. L. Finch, 1641; G. H. Dowsett, 79; R. P. Atkin, 55; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Chairman and duly honoured by the company.

The toast of "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.S.D., who said it gave him very great pleasure to respond for a toast that had been so loyally received, and then drew attention to the good qualities of all, from the Grand Master downwards, and said that all the Grand Officers were men who wished to sink self for the good of the Craft.

"The Health of the Master of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Batchelor, I.P.M.

Bro. Holmes in reply said that he had always endeavoured to carry out the duties of the various offices he had filled, and in order to be able to do that he had, from the very night of his initiation, visited a lodge of instruction once a week down to the present time. He wished to impress this upon some of the many new brethren who were now in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Riechelmann, Herbage, Ayling, and Wickfield.

These brethren having responded, the Worshipful Master proceeded to propose several other toasts, including "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge," after which the Tyler's toast brought to a close the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—This lodge met on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the Mastership of Bro. J. Oswald Gardner. There were two raisings on the paper, and these were performed by Bro. B. Turner, P.M., the candidates being Bros. R. Marsland and Jonathan William Pinfold. Bro. Swain, the S.W., was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Frederick West, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. James Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C., P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. F. West, P.M., Treas., a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Gardner, W.M., for presentation at next meeting. The lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. J. Lewis-Thomas responded to the toasts of "The Grand Officers," and said it gave him great pleasure to be the only member of this lodge competent to return thanks for the toast. The good and great Fraternity had been said by the W.M. to be entirely owing to those brethren who had been sent up to the House of Lords of Masonry. He knew perfectly well that it was due to the great talents the officers of Grand Lodge possessed.

Bro. Kirk, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," who, in responding for the last time in that capacity, thanked the brethren for the kind support they had given him during his year of office, both in lodge and at the banquet table. From what he had seen he was able to say that the brethren had appreciated his efforts on behalf of the lodge. This was his mother lodge, and he hoped to come to it as long as he lived.

Bro. Kirk in responding for the "Past Masters," said as his father was one of the founders of the lodge he felt a peculiar interest in the lodge. When he arrived at the chair he felt that his Masonic ambition was gratified. The post of W.M. was not a light one by any means. The reward obtained was the approval of the brethren, which was evinced on such occasions as this, when the Master for the last time occupied the chair. Next time the W.M. would be in the I.P.M. chair and would have taken his (Bro. Kirk's) position. He was extremely gratified at the support he had received.

Bro. B. Turner, P.M., also replied. Bros. T. C. Walls and Maby responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. James Lewis-Thomas, to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The W.M. elect and the Officers." In proposing this toast he alluded with regret to the demise of Bro. Muggidge who was passed and raised in the Granite Lodge. He intended to mention the circumstance when in lodge, but it slipped his memory.

Bro. Swain, S.W. and W.M. elect, having responded, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended. Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, W.M., presided, there being also present Bros. Haber, S.W.; Fendick, J.W.; N. B. Heaton, P.M., Treas.; G. Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Potter, S.D.; Skinner, J.D.; J. Jenkins, Org.; Bertram and Hudd, Stwds.; R. Potter, Tyler; Kibble, P.M.; Sax, P.M.; Stanway, P.M.; Freeman, P.M.; Hamer, P.M.; and H. Thompson, P.M. There were also present the following visitors: Bros. Smith, 1326; H. A. Reeves, W.M., 807; E. A. Smith, 716; A. W. Reeves, 807; Crombie, 1623; W. J. Johnson, 140; R. Baker, P.M., 1257; Percival, P.M., 1607; A. E. Staley, W.M., 185; P. Harper, P.M., 1216; J. Morris, 72; Huckrale, 1635; Medwin, P.M., 1613; Gibbs, 1613; F. Binckes, Grand Stewards' Lodge; E. J. Carson, 398 S.C.; and Cozens, 907.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the former meeting were confirmed, and a ballot took place for the following candidates for initiation: Messrs. John Cooper, J. Kennerley Hooper, Edwin Wesley, and Stanley Woolley Kelsey, which proving unanimous and all being in attendance they were severally introduced and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the W.M. and his officers going through their work in a very able and correct manner. Bro. Heaton then moved, pursuant to notice given at the last lodge, "That the sum of 25 guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the W.M.'s list on his serving as Steward at the ensuing festival," which was put and agreed to. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, at the conclusion of which the formal toasts were given, Bro. Binckes returning thanks for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Kibble, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master."

The Worshipful Master in responding said it afforded him great gratification to meet with the approbation of his fellow-members who had placed him in his present position. He then went on to advocate the claims of the Masonic Charities, referring to the fact that he had undertaken to act as Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, when H.R.H. the Duke of Albany would preside, concluding by asking the company to drink "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School.

Bro. Binckes replied in a long speech, in which he said he was taken by surprise at the kindness of the W.M., for in most places, whether it was in town or country, the toast he had just given was relegated to a late period of the evening, when the tables were vacated by the members. He was happy to be present that evening, for he knew the Great City Lodge had year after year liberally supported one of the Institutions, and he believed that the support of one of them annually was the best course to be pursued, for it was very onerous if brethren were called upon twice or thrice in one year to support the different Institutions. If they on the other hand took them in rotation they would not feel the tax upon them, and he wished that the practice of the Great City Lodge would be adopted by other lodges. He trusted that their Royal Chairman at the next festival would be well supported. During the last year the different festivals realised £56,000; of that sum £25,000 fell to the Boys' School, but of that sum £12,000 was to be devoted to a preparatory school, and was funded for that purpose. That £12,000 would be spent in the next two years for a preparatory school, and it would require £3000 every year to maintain the additional number of boys. He was very grateful for the support the Boys' School had received for the last 25 years, for the number of boys in the School had been raised from 70 to 250, and he felt a deep debt of

gratitude to his good friends for what they had done, and he was sure that they would go on in the good work. He appealed to the Craft for extended support, as the first stone of the new school would be laid in August next, and in regard to this matter the Great City was a representative lodge of the City of London. Freemasonry, under the rule of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, had taken enormous strides, and it has been going on from progress to progress and from success to success, but it was possible that in Freemasonry as in other matters there might come a time which would bring with it a reaction, and what would then be their position. He could not shut his eyes to the responsibilities the Craft had imposed on him, for as he was going on in life he felt those increased responsibilities with failing powers. The boys of the present would be men of the future generation, they were objects of their sympathy, and to his dying day he should contrive to advocate the principles of Masonic Charity. He had a humble notion that while by God's providence they possessed means for their own enjoyment, that their hearts and sympathies should be extended towards those who were not so fortunate as themselves.

It was here mentioned by the W.M. that one of their members had made an offer of £5 if 10 others would do the same, to be devoted to his list, and on a paper going round a great portion of subscribers had given in their names for a like amount, which it is believed will be fully made up at the next meeting of the lodge.

The remaining toasts included "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Secretary, Bro. Blackie." The evening was spent most harmoniously, the pleasures being greatly enhanced by Bro. Cozens, who presided at the pianoforte, and sung some choice songs, Bro. Wesley, one of the initiates also contributing to the harmony of the evening.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The installation meeting of this very prosperous and popular lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The lodge was opened with commendable promptitude by Bro. C. Baker, W.M., assisted by his officers and a large array of members and visitors, among the latter of whom were Bros. Youldon, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Sanderson, W.M., 169; Lineker, W.M., 534; Belliss, W.M., 1901; Monk, P.M., 169; Magee, P.M., 548; King, P.M., 905; H. Penny, P.M., 1089; Beavis, S.W., 879; Walter Martin, J.W., 879; Powell, S.W., 1185; Millbourn, J.D., 13; Fountain, 879; and others.

After raising two brethren the W.M. very kindly vacated the chair, at special request, to Bro. J. Penney, I.P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Henry Youngman, J.W., and W.M. elect, the ceremony being performed in Bro. Penney's usual masterly manner, which gained the deserved approbation of all present. The W. Master invested as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. Davis, S.W.; Duffield, J.W.; Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; J. Penney, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Packer, Org.; Greenwood, S.D.; Bewlay, J.D.; Carey, I.G.; Jones, D.C.; Tooley, W.S.; and Church, Tyler; and immediately entered on his duties by initiating three gentlemen in that fluent and faultless style that Bro. Youngman is so well known to possess. A satisfactory balance-sheet having been unanimously adopted, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, and the lodge being closed the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, after which the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Baker, the I.P.M., then expressed the pleasure he felt in having the privilege to propose "The Health of the W.M.," who he knew was one of the most popular members of the lodge and whose affability and courtesy, combined with a thorough knowledge of his work, would make his year of office a most successful and happy one.

The Worshipful Master in reply said his utmost endeavours would be used to further the interests of the lodge. He had a most pleasing duty to perform in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M. and the Installing Master," with which he would combine Bro. Kent, P.M., and first W.M. To Bro. Baker, the I.P.M., he on behalf of the lodge presented a handsome jewel to mark the approbation of the brethren during his year of office; and to Bro. Kent, P.M., who was retiring from the office of Secretary, through pressure of private business, a magnificent gold watch, subscribed for by the members, as a token of their high esteem and regard, trusting that for many years to come he would look upon it in happy remembrance of the pleasant hours spent amongst them.

Bro. Baker, the I.P.M., thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and the Installing Master (who had been obliged to leave) for the kind and cordial support he had received, and trusted his successor would receive the same.

Bro. Kent, P.M., expressed very feelingly his thanks for their great kindness in presenting him with so valuable a testimonial. He trusted he for some years would be spared to be among them.

"The Initiates"; "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. King, Penney, Beavis, Walter Martin, &c.; and "The P.M.'s and Officers" followed, the Tyler's toast bringing a most happy and enjoyable evening to a close.

Some excellent songs were given during the evening by Bro. W. F. Packer, the talented Organist, and Bros. James, Greenwood, Magee, and others.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A numerously attended meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting Hill, under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Frederick Charleswood Frye, who was supported by Bros. J. Bartle, S.W.; J. Woodmason, J.W.; W. J. Murli, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; W. W. Buckland, S.D.; J. H. Wood, J.D.; H. Hart, I.G.; F. Delevante, Org.; W. F. N. Hook, Stwd.; S. Smout, I.P.M.; George Penn, P.M.; E. M. Lander, P.M.; C. D. Reade, P.M.; E. Rogers, F. E. Pocock, M.D.; J. S. Adkins, R.N.; Crane, W. Linsdell, S. K. Bennett, J. French, H. Fosket, H. Holmes, W. R. Flatton, W. Binns, W. H. Wadham, G. W. Wilkinson, H. Taylor, W. H. Heath, R. J. Green, J. Flood, C. Ransome, G. A. Williams, C. D. Cowland, and J. Whitlessed. The visitors who responded to the numerous invitations were Bros. H. A. and J. Blyth, 25, Dublin; G. Davis, P.M., 167; J. N. Frye, P.J.W., 195; P. W. Runtz, P.S.W., 230; T. C. E. Bodley, 10, 357, P.P.G. Sec. Oxon; W. Fieldson, P.M., 548; R. H. Jackson, W.M.; S. J. Humphries, I.G.; and T. Fisher, of 733; J. J. Thomas, I.G., 753; Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., 834; A. N. Gilbey, 859; R. Fletcher, 901; A. Ross, Org., 1223; J. Gilling-

ham, S.W. 1238; J. Cooper, 1475; Arthur Vernor (Mayor of Wycombe), 1501; H. Gold and W. B. Lethbridge, 1615; and W. R. Stephens, 1897.

Bro. Richard Irvine was raised to the Third Degree, after which Mr. P. P. Ellis, and Mr. Alfred Gilbey were impressively initiated by the W.M. Fifty guineas were voted for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. S. Smout, jun., I.P.M., who had undertaken to act as Steward, and who during the evening announced that his list had already reached over one hundred guineas.

A banquet followed the completion of business, succeeded by the customary toasts, which were interspersed by an excellent programme of music, arranged by Bro. Delevante, the Organist, in which Miss Delevante and Bros. H. Parkin and James Budd took part. Although the brethren were somewhat late in sitting down to the banquet, the proceedings were got through in a very pleasant way, and at a reasonable hour.

The toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," were respectively honoured.

In proposing "The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," the W.M. observed they always made this a special toast, as the lodge was named after his lordship, and he asked for it a special fire, which was given right heartily.

Having drunk to "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,"

The I.P.M., Bro. Smout, proposed "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so referred to the quiet way in which the W.M. discharged his duties, which was alike pleasurable and satisfactory.

After thanking the brethren for the warmth of their recognition, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiates," remarking that both of them were intimate friends of his, and he believed were the sons of Masons. It had given him great pleasure to introduce them, and he trusted that they would see no reason to regret the step they had taken.

Bro. Gilbey in reply alluded to his connection with a firm several members of which were Freemasons, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be found numbered among so great an Order.

Bro. Ellis also replied.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors," and said he was specially honoured with the presence of several distinguished brethren. He was sure all would be glad to welcome amongst them Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, and he took it as a great compliment to himself to be favoured with his presence. Then there were Bros. Arthur Vernor, Lethbridge, and Bodley, whose names he (the W.M.) desired to couple with the toast in honour of the visitors.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke in responding said he had to thank the brethren of the lodge for several opportunities they had afforded him of being present. That was the fourth time he had been entertained by them, and he had come back from his short holiday a day earlier in order to accept their invitation. The lodge ought to congratulate itself upon having such a succession of excellent Masters, among whom he was glad to number his friend the present W.M. After commenting upon the "metal" of the initiates, humourously referring especially to Bro. A. Gilbey, Bro. Sir Charles Dilke concluded by again thanking the brethren for the warm and kind reception they had given him.

Bro. Arthur Vernor in his reply alluded to the excellent qualities of the lodge, and Bro. Lethbridge spoke of its rapid progress, and of the noble work it had done in the cause of the Charities. Bro. Bodley electing to reply in a song, gave one entitled "That first found out a Mason's art," the words of which and the manner in which it was rendered giving great pleasure to the brethren.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers."

Bro. Murlis, the Secretary, who had been most assiduous in his attentions throughout the evening, gave some very interesting particulars with regard to the work done on behalf of the Charities, and said the lodge was Vice-President of the several Institutions in connection with the Order.

Bro. Smout, I.P.M., alluded to the Girls' School, which he said was doing excellent work. The money collected for that Institution was well spent, and he felt it a great honour in having been selected to represent the lodge on the occasion of the next festival. All the money that could be got together was needed. The brethren had already given to such an extent that it seemed almost too much to ask for more. He should not press them, but content himself with stating the facts.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable evening.

The pedestals in lodge were dressed with candles, emblematically and handsomely painted by hand, the gift of the W.M., and by a simple arrangement these candles can be surmounted by others for use, thus leaving the painted ones as perpetual ornaments of the lodge.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, W.M., P.P.G.S.D., Grand Steward Scotland; E. M. Garstang, I.P.M.; John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, J.W.; J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; James Newton, Sec.; James Poyntz, S.D.; John Hardcastle, J.D.; Harry Lomax, I.G.; Jas. Naylor, S. Stwd.; Robt. Nightingale, J. Stwd.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Thos. Higson, Asst. Tyler; R. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Horrocks, P.M.; Jas. Walker, P.M.; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; Johnson Mills, P.M.; J. Ridyard, M. Robinson, W. Gillibrand, and the following visitors: Bros. Geo. Ferguson, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks.; Robt. Latham, W.M. 1723; Rd. Duxbury, W.M. 146; John Isherwood, W.M. 221; G. H. Openshaw, 269; R. H. Hutchinson, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Forrest, 221; and W. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, Bro. John Booth, W.M. elect, was then presented to a Board of Installed Masters under the presidency of the W.M., and installed, proclaimed, and saluted W.M. in ancient form. Bro. John Morris having been elected charity representative of the lodge the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Newton, P.P.G.S.D., Bros. F. W. Pacey, S.W.;

J. W. Poyntz, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Sec.; Jas. Newton, Treas.; John Hardcastle, S.D.; W. H. Lomax, J.D.; J. M. Bentley, Org.; Johnson Mills, D. of C.; Jas. Naylor, I.G.; R. Nightingale and W. Golding, Stwds.; J. W. Roiley and T. Higson, Tylers. The W.M., Wardens, and brethren were severally addressed according to ancient custom by Bro. Mills, P.M. Bro. Brockbank received at the hands of the W.M. a Past Master's jewel voted at the last regular meeting.

"Hearty good Wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., when there was a considerable gathering of the brethren, among other distinguished visitors being Bros. the V.V. the D.P.G.M., J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Gibson, Prov. G.I.W.; T. R. White, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Lambert, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire; Osmond, P.P.G.O. Essex; S. H. Soper, W.M. 732; Broadbridge, W.M. 1797; Peters, W.M. 1883; B. Lomax, W.M. 811; Long, W.M. 1726; Wells, P.M. 15, and others. The retiring W.M., Bro. F. W. Gruggen, presided, and the whole of the officers of the lodge were present except Bro. R. Smith, Tyler, who since his re-election at the December meeting has "gone over to the great majority," and whose death, which was most feelingly alluded to, caused the only shadow which passed over the proceedings. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of Battle, Prov. G. Chap., and the following P.Ms. were also present: Bros. G. Gambling; G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; G. Molesworth, P.P.G.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; W. Adames; R. G. Raper, P.P.G.J.W.; J. M. Percival; J. St. Clair, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.Chap.; and O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G. Supt. of W.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Oliver Lloyd, was installed in the chair in the most admirable manner by Bro. Gruggen, and he subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gruggen, I.P.M.; W. H. Barrett, J.W.; the Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. St. Clair, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; J. Priestnall, S.D.; H. E. Breach, J.D.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D., D. of C.; W. Dean, Org.; Doman, I.G.; and Inkpen and Euquet, Stewards. Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox had accepted the collar of S.W., but unfortunately his duties at the Horse Guards as A.D.C. to F.M. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge kept him away from the gathering, and his investiture remains for a future meeting. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the W.M. in recognition of his able conduct in the chair during the past year.

The brethren subsequently, to the number of 50, sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Lloyd, W.M., and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The catering of Bro. A. Purchase was all that could be desired, and the arrangements of the retiring Stewards, Bros. Doman and Inkpen, were admirable.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).

The installation of Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., as W.M. of this old lodge took place last week at the Masonic Hall, Bro. G. Dunlop, the oldest Past Master of the lodge, being the Installing Master. The lodge ceremonies were conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. Robertson; and Mr. W. H. Bowers, B.A., was initiated into the Order by Bro. W. J. Hickman, P.M. The new Master presided over this lodge 23 years ago, and has filled a similar position in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, 359, and the Southampton Lodge, 394. The Board of Installed Masters, as constituted on this occasion, comprised the following: Bros. W. Hickman, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. Grand Sec.; G. Dunlop, J. R. Weston, J. Cole, R. Sharpe, W. J. Hickman, G. Davies, C. W. A. Jellicoe, J. B. Thomas, W. Robertson, 130; H. Lashmore, W.M.; W. Furber, C. Cox, J. Dymott, G. M. Passenger, jun., H. P. Aslatt, 394; J. Patson, W.M.; C. Dyer, G. Cross, 359; W. Horton, 319; D. O. Hobbs, W.M. 1461; W. F. Mayoss, W.M. 1112; T. Walton, W.M.; I. Harle, 1780; and Birchett, W.M. 1833. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Robertson, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, Chap.; T. Dartnall, S.W.; C. Bemister, J.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Ridgway, Org.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; Clark, S.D.; Stead, J.D.; Styles, I.G.; Lees and Osborne, Stewards; Biggs, Vane, and Harrington, Tylers. Cordial expressions of thanks were awarded to the Installing Master, to the retiring W.M., to the late Treasurer, Bro. R. Sharpe, who has filled that office for seven years, and to the officers of the lodge, including the Secretary, Bro. J. R. Weston, who has rendered more than 20 years' service to the lodge in that capacity. A banquet, provided in Bro. Dartnall's best style, followed the lodge ceremonies, to which a large number of brethren sat down under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Bull's Head. Present: Bros. Rd. Duxbury, W.M.; George Taylor, I.P.M.; Hy. Broughton, S.W.; John F. Skelton, J.W.; Wm. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; William Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Galloway, S.D.; William Heywood, Org.; Enoch Hird, I.G.; William Carter, Steward; Thos. Higson, P.M.; Tyler; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; J. W. Almond, S.W. 1773; A. Palrie, J.D. 495; H. Hardman, 495; Philip Morris, I.P.M. 678; Jas. G. Carter, Johnson Martin, 678; John Morris, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; Henry Ainsworth, P.M.; James Dooley, P.M.; Robt. Horridge, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; Nathan Tydesley, Thos. Nightingale, John Barrett, John Eddevan, James Kennedy, Walter Downs, Thomas Rimmer, and visitors as follows: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.M. 37, P.P.G.D., Grand Steward Scotland; Geo. Ferguson, Prov. G.S. of Wks.; Robt. Harwood, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Henry Greenwood, P.P.G. Purst.; John Booth, W.M. 37; J. Kenyon, W.M. 348; George Nabb, W.M. 678; Robt. Latham, 1723; John Wolstenholme, P.M. 348; Charles H. Smith, P.M. 1053; Jos. Sutton, 484; J. Barber, 484; H. J. Briscoe, 221; and Wm. Liddorn, 221.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Lodge proceeded to the Second Degree forthwith, when Bro. Henry Broughton, W.M. elect, was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of the

W.M., and duly obligated. After which the lodge was opened upon the Third Degree, and Bro. Broughton was installed, proclaimed, and saluted Worshipful Master in ancient form, and the lodge closed to the First Degree. Bro. William Nicholson, P. Prov. G.S.B., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Wild appointed as Charity representative of the lodge. The following brethren were then invested as officers for the year, and were addressed by Bro. John Wild, P.M., on the nature of their respective duties: Bros. J. F. Skelton, S.W.; Jos. Galloway, J.W.; Wm. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Heywood, S.D.; Enoch Hird, J.D.; John Wild, P.M., D. of C.; J. G. Carter, Org.; Wm. Carter, I.G.; Thos. Nightingale and J. T. Vose, Stwds.; and Thos. Higson, Tyler. The final admonition to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was delivered by Bro. Wm. Cooper, P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Duxbury. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

BURY.—Lodge of St. John (No. 191).

The annual installation meeting and festival of St. John was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Knowsley Hotel. The lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been read the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. R. Clayton, Prov. G. Asst. Chaplain East Lancashire, was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and inducted into the chair of K.S. with all the customary ritual by the Installing Master, Bro. W. Lees, W.M., assisted by Bro. W. Balmer, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most accurate and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master appointed the following as his officers: Bros. W. Lees, I.P.M.; O. C. Crompton, S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; J. H. Moorhouse, Chap.; T. Woodcock, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. Balmer, P.M., Sec.; G. Openshaw, S.D.; W. Packman, J.D.; W. Barritt, P.M., D.C.; J. R. Fletcher, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. F. Butcher, I.G.; W. Alcock and R. Pollitt, Stewards; and P. Hardman, Tyler.

The following Past Masters presented their portraits to be fixed in the frame provided for that purpose in the lodge-room: Bros. Lees, Barritt, Woodcock, and Balmer. The Worshipful Master, in accepting the portraits on behalf of the lodge, presented his own photograph to be placed with those of the other rulers of the Craft. "Hearty good wishes" having been given from various lodges the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, when the brethren sat down to a capital dinner, provided by Bro. T. Smith, the host of the Knowsley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening spent in a truly Masonic manner.

BEVERLEY.—Constitutional Lodge (No. 291).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the presence of a large number of members and visitors, the latter including Bros. the Rev. J. Blake, W.M. 734, and P.G. Chap.; J. Scott Wilson, P.M., P.P. G.P., 1040; Geo. Spink, W.M. 1511; Chas. H. Wright, W.M. 1605; Z. De Ohe Christiana (Copenhagen); W. Winterbottom, P.M. 734; W. H. Porrit, P.M. 731; W. Gillett, P.M.; W. Cheeseman, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. Wilson, P.M.; G. Sinclair, P.M.; O. McPherson, and others.

Bro. E. Bryan, the W.M., presided. The W.M. elect was Bro. Charles Goulding, F.C.O., S.W., and the ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., P.G.D. England, P.M. 57, D.P.G.M. The newly appointed W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Bryan, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; S. Smith, S.W.; M. M. Westerby, J.W.; G. Ford, Treas., P.M.; F. W. Adams, Sec.; Rev. E. J. Barry, Chap.; G. Knight, J.D.; T. Foley, S.D.; J. Cooper, M.C.; J. Kemp, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., Almoner; J. Camidge, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Richardson, I.G.; J. Barnes and W. Green, Stwds.; and J. Westoby, Tyler.

At the close of the business the members and visitors, to the number of over 50, retired to the dining hall, where a sumptuous supper was served. The W.M. presided, and proceedings of the evening were most interesting to members of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).

The installation meeting was held and the St. John's Festival celebrated in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. James Wilson, W.M.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Lever, P.M., Sec.; James Dawson, P.M., Reg.; J. G. Elderton, J.D.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; J. Garside, I.G.; Walter Wood, A. Wild, and W. B. Akerman, Stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler; Samuel Titmas, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Smethurst, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; Mark Vickers, P.M.; C. J. Rix, Robert Tomlins, John Church, J. Smith, Isaac Pearson, Edward Smith, Hugh Kerr, Jas. Hopwood, Samuel Hall, E. C. Chesworth, Edward Wihl, James Eckersley, G. J. Roscoe, Stephen Hamer, Thomas Summer, Samuel Perceval, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. (Freemason). Visitors: H. L. Rocca, P.M. 815, P.P.G. J.D.; Ernest Neame, 1126; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; Joseph Senior, W.M. 163; J. Hotherhall, I.G. 1161; J. Robinson, 430; R. Dottie, P.M. 1161; H. Pool, P.M. 44; Harry Smith, 1357; F. Warburton, 1514; A. H. Jefferies, S.W. 1161; Martin Thomas, P.M. 204; T. Shorrocks, P.M. 204; J. Campsen, 1357; G. V. Blaikie, W.M. 152; R. Sharratt, 1914; W. R. Sower, P.M. 815; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147; J. Hotherhall, W.M. 1534; J. Taylor, P.M. 1147; and Wm. Jaffrey, P.G.J.D., P.M. 1633, 1140.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Frederick Warburton, 1514, as a joining member, and was unanimous in his favour. The ballot was also unanimous for Bro. Thos. Summer as a rejoining member. Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., by permission of the W.M., then took the chair, and passed Bro. Roscoe to the Second Degree, Bro. John Bladon acting as S.D. The W.M. afterwards passed Bro. Hamer to the Second Degree, Bro. R. R. Lisenden occupying his position as S.D. The installation ceremony shortly afterwards commenced, Bro. James Dawson acting as Installing Master, and inducting Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. with great ability, and the W.M., having been proclaimed, and saluted invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. J. Edwards, S.W.; R. R. Lisenden,

J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; John Garside, Sec.; James Dawson, P.M., Reg.; J. G. Elderston, S.D.; Walter Wood, J.D.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; D. of C.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; W. B. Akerman, I.G.; A. Wild, Edward Smith, and Isaac Pearson, Stwds; and James Sly, Tyler.

The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. James Dawson, P.M., and that to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Mark Vickers, P.M. The balance sheet of which every member had previously received a copy by post, was reported and commented upon by the Auditors, who testified to the more than usual care and correctness with which the lodge accounts had been kept by the Treasurer, Bro. W. Nicholl, during the past twelve months, and congratulated the members on the flourishing condition of the funds, which had not presented such a healthy appearance for the last ten years. The Auditors' report was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Treasurer for his services. A neat Past Masters' 18-carat gold jewel was presented by the W.M. in the name of the lodge to Bro. James Wilson, I.P.M., for his valuable services during the past year, and for which Bro. Wilson returned thanks. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, and was greatly admired.

There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, the brethren, numbering 63, afterwards sitting down to dinner to celebrate the Festival of St. John, and afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, during which some excellent songs, glees, and recitations were rendered by Bros. Martin Thomas, Thomas Shorrocks, J. R. Lever, Joseph Senior, H. Walmsley, Robert Dottie, and R. R. Lisenden.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The members of this old and prosperous lodge assembled in goodly numbers at the Masonic Hall on the festival of its patron saint, to witness the installation of Bro. W. Taylor as their W.M. for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Mortimer, who was supported by Bros. Thos. Oliver, P.M.; D. J. Allams, P.M.; W. Wakeham, P.M.; W. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. W. Grant, J.W.; C. J. Harland, P.M., Treas.; E. Richards, Sec.; Thos. Brooks, Org.; John Slater, S.D.; R. L. Mugford, acting J.D.; A. Mountford, Stwd.; John E. Newton, Tyler; and others. Included amongst the visitors were Bros. A. T. Blamey, P.M.; John Lane, I.P.M.; George J. Pepprell, W.M.; B. Knight, S.W.; and J. W. McKellar, of 1402; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; G. C. Searle, P.M. 710; and others.

After the usual formalities, Bro. Taylor, who had zealously discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past year, was presented for the benefit of installation, when the impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. C. J. Harland, P.M., the respected Treasurer of the lodge. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted in the Three Degrees, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Mortimer, I.P.M.; J. W. Grant, S.W.; John Slater, J.W.; C. J. Harland, P.M., Treas.; Edward Richards, Sec.; R. L. Mugford, S.D.; J. Bovey, J.D.; Arthur Mountford, I.G.; T. Brooks, Org.; H. Turner and W. Eddles, Stwds.; and John E. Newton, Tyler. The musical portions of the service were admirably rendered, Bro. T. Brooks lending efficient aid as accompanist on the organ. The Auditors' balance-sheet, which showed the financial position of the lodge to be fairly satisfactory, was passed.

Some other matters of minor importance having been disposed of lodge was closed in form, and the brethren, who had now been joined by Bro. Lord Haldon, a Past Master of the lodge and P.P.G.S.W. Devon, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a recherche banquet had been provided. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. Taylor, presided, and covers were laid for 50 guests. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was passed.

DARWEN.—Harmony and Industry Lodge (No. 351).—On the 10th inst. the brethren of this lodge held their annual festival of St. John the Evangelist, and installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers for the year. The installation ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.R. Oxon, P.P.G.J.D. East Lancs., assisted by Bro. Wardley, P.M. 381. The investiture duty was undertaken by Bros. Wardley and E. Halliwell, P.M.; P.P.G.O. East Lancashire. The brethren invested were Bros. B. Lloyd, W.M.; A. Millward, S.W.; W. Grimshaw, J.W.; W. G. Thackary, I.P.M., Treas.; L. Roberts, P.M., Sec.; J. McAdam, Org.; J. Marsden, S.D.; W. Hodgson, J.D.; P. Lowe, Stwd.; C. H. Woods, I.G.; and T. Barlow, Tyler.

The proceedings commenced at 4 o'clock and were held in the beautiful and extensive suite of rooms now occupied by the brotherhood over the Manchester and County Bank. At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was closed about midnight.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 422).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. at the lodge room. Bro. Geo. Housham, W.M., occupied the chair and duly opened the lodge in the respective degrees. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Wheeldon, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. Alfred Kerk, P.P.G.S.W., for the benefit of installation, and was with the ordinary formalities placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in due form, Bro. C. F. Liversidge making the usual proclamations and delivering the lectures on each Degree in a masterly manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. T. E. Johnson, S.W.; S. Beaumont, J.W.; Rev. J. R. U. Elliott, P.M., Chap.; A. Kerk, P.M., Treas. and D.C.; F. Baines, Sec.; C. Caldwell, S.D.; B. Lamb, J.D.; W. H. Ouzman, I.G.; T. T. Bee, Org.; Chas. Shepham and Wm. Mason, Stwds.; and B. Box, P.G.T., Tyler.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the White Hart Hotel where Bro. Oldham served a recherche repast. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a highly agreeable evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M.

NORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 431).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 7th inst., Bro. W. J. Ward, P.P.G. J.W., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meetings, including the election of W.M., were read and confirmed.

A ballot was taken for the admission of a candidate for initiation, which being unanimous, the candidate was accordingly initiated. The W.M. elect for the ensuing year, Bro. Henry Gibson, S.W., was afterwards presented for installation, and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony with his usual care and ability. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. Ward, I.P.M.; Alfred Robson, S.W.; W. Carnaby, J.W.; J. W. Davison, Treas. (elected); John G. Tulloch, P.M., Sec.; C. L. Taws, S.D.; G. H. Heslop, J.D.; T. Robson, P.M., D.C.; W. Reed, Org.; J. Marun, I.G.; C. Baguley, S.S.; S. Oliver, J.S.; and J. Robertson, P.M., Tyler.

After several propositions had been made the lodge was closed in due form, and about 60 of the brethren adjourned to the Albion Hotel to celebrate the annual festival. The W.M. presided, the vice-chair being occupied by the S.W. Amongst the brethren we noticed Bros. W. J. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; G. E. Shotton, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Robson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. G. Tulloch, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. McLearn, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; J. D. Gillespie, P.M.; C. W. Henzell, W.M. 1863; W. Davidson, W.M. 1970; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97; W. Ross, S.W. 1970; M. J. Wheatley, J.W. 1970; and several visitors from Newcastle, Sunderland, and South Shields. The banquet was of a first-class description, and the evening was spent in a most harmonious manner.

AXMINSTER.—Virtue and Honour Lodge (No. 494).—Opening of a New Masonic Hall.—

For the last 40 years this lodge has held its meetings at the George Hotel, but the room, although sufficiently roomy and comfortable, has long been felt to be unsuitable for the purpose, being connected by two doors with the house, and used also for general purposes. The establishment of a billiard-room, a short time since, in close proximity to the lodge-room brought matters to a climax, and made it imperative to the brethren to find another home. After vainly seeking a long time for a suitable site, an opportunity for removal was offered by Bro. Forward, Registrar C.C., who being about to reconstruct his offices, kindly offered to build a lodge-room over a large board-room he found necessary to include in his plan. His offer was, of course, accepted, and the work placed in the hands of Bro. J. G. Pinney, architect, and Bros. W. B. Parsons and F. Perryman, builders, whose united efforts have resulted in the erection of a very elegant and comfortable room, ante-room, &c., admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, both for the lodge and chapter. The hall is about 30 ft. long by 17 ft., with a wagon roof, 13 ft. high in centre. It is lighted by a five-light gas chandelier and a large Gothic window of cathedral glass, with a red and blue Royal Arch border, and a stained glass Masonic design in the top panel. The mantelpiece is of enamelled Devonshire marble, with gilt Craft and Arch emblems. The whole effect is bright and pleasing, and reflects credit on the handicraft of the brethren who have carried out the work. The committee appointed to see the work carried out consisted of the following brethren: Bros. Webber, P.M.; Loveless, P.M.; Jefferd, P.M.; Pickering, W.M. Derrick, S.W.; Reece, J.W.; and Forward.

The new lodge room was opened on Tuesday, the 5th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Derrick, the W.M. for the ensuing year, and attracted a large attendance of visiting brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. T. Pickering, W.M.; L. G. Derrick, S.W.; A. P. Reece, J.W.; E. J. Jarman, I.P.M.; J. G. Pinney, P.M., Treas.; S. G. Loveless, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Devon, Sec.; William Forward, S.D.; J. R. Reynolds, J.D.; S. Toms, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Somerset, D.C.; V. B. Parsons, I.G.; W. A. L. Paul, L. M. Gater, T. N. Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. J. Jefferd, P.M.; G. R. Stevens, W.M. 106. Visitors: Bros. E. Smith, 1181; Wm. Damerel, W.M. 1284; T. B. Lund, 1254; B. Long, Sec. 814; F. H. Warren, 1197; G. James, W.M. 1197; J. Hockey, 1953; F. H. Mitchell, 1953; A. P. Judge, 1953; W. Dominic, 1953; F. G. England, I.G. 1953; H. Grimsey, 1953; J. Lawrence, 1953; R. Bradford, J.D. 1168; Mark Dower, 1953; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Pickering, and the newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Pickering, I.P.M.; A. P. Reece, S.W.; William Forward, J.W.; Rev. J. N. D. Hurdon, M.A., Chap.; S. Toms, P.P.G.D. Somerset, D.C.; J. G. Pinney, Treas.; S. G. Loveless, P.M., P.P.J.D., Sec.; T. N. Webber, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Reynolds, S.D.; V. B. Parsons, J.D.; A. Paul, I.G.; F. Perryman, Stwd.; and Walrley, Tyler.

Before the lodge was closed a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Committee, architect, and builders for their zealous labours. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the George Hotel, where a capital banquet was awaiting them, this being the first of the kind provided by the new host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Brice. Under the genial chairmanship of the new W.M., Bro. Derrick, a pleasant evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being interspersed with some capital songs. We heartily wish the Virtue and Honour Lodge every success, and hope that both the lodge and chapter have entered upon an era of prosperity, and that an accession of strength will be the result of their having obtained so convenient an abode.

GUISBOROUGH.—Zetland Lodge (No. 561).

—On the 10th inst. the installation and annual festival in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Sanderson, presided, and there was a good attendance. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. T. Sanderson, I.P.M.; Thos. Dale, S.W.; R. D. Clayton, J.W.; R. Clarkson, Sec. and Treas.; J. A. Metcalfe, S.D.; C. M. Silcock, J.D.; Thos. Clarke, Org.; J. Clarke, I.G.; and W. Campion, Tyler, elected for the 17th time.

YORK.—Princess Charlotte of Wales Lodge (No. 570 I.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which is attached to the 5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, now stationed at the York Cavalry Barracks, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. There was a large gathering of members and their friends, the lodge being presided over by Bro. Capt. J. A. Banks, in the absence of Bro. V. S. Cheeseman, on duty at Aldershot. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and

confirmed, the chair was assumed by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., Treas. 236, (in whose Hall the lodge holds its meetings); and the W.M. elect, Bro. Serjt.-Major W. Knights, was presented for installation by Bros. J. A. Banks and Capt. Gifford. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.W., acting as S.W.; and G. Kirby, P.M., as J.W.; and the W.M. having been invested and installed, was saluted. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Capt. A. Baldrey, S.W., Bandmaster; T. Howard, J.W.; Capt. Banks, Treas. and Sec.; Serjt.-Major Kendall, S.D.; Serjt.-Major W. Langford, J.D.; Serjt.-Major Saul, I.G.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler.

After the ceremony the members entertained their visitors at an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. J. Toes, of the De Grey Rooms. The W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Capt. J. A. Banks, Capt. Gifford, P.M.; Geo. Garbutt, W.M. 236; J. Blenkin, W.M. 1611; Major McGachen, I.P.M. 1991; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Prov. G.S.W.; G. Kirby, P.M.; J. S. Rymer, P.M.; Major Barstow, P.M.; Dr. Draper, G. C. Lee, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; Dawson, P.M.; Master Gunner Harding, R.A.; A. T. B. Turner, W. B. Dyson, Foster, and others.

The toast list was short and to the point, and the evening was enlivened by a series of excellent songs by the members of the military lodge and their visitors, the pianoforte accompaniments being tastefully performed by Bro. Garland, of York Minster.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—A numerous gathering of brethren took place on the 4th inst., at the Temperance Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. T. Toms. The business on the agenda included the initiation of Dr. Maples, of Kingsclere, the ceremony being efficiently performed by the W.M. The installation of Bro. E. P. Plenty, jun., as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed in a very impressive and able manner by Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., after which the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Belcher, S.W.; Montagu Palmer, J.D.; Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; F. C. Fidler, S.D.; J. A. Johnston, J.D.; Marychurch, Sec.; Burns, Treas.; Hanington, I.G.; Hickman, S.S.; Hawkins, J.S.; and Dodd, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to a banquet served in first-class style by Bro. Hamlen, of the Queen's Hotel. The room was most tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems, composed of flowers and evergreens, the work of Bros. S. Knight, jun., and H. Knight. The tables were adorned with some choice greenhouse plants, and exquisitely pretty button-holes were furnished to each guest. The W.M. presided, and was supported by an unusually large number of Past Masters, including Bros. Pulley, Greenfield, Toms, Hall, Boyer, Burns, Bance, G. Knight, Ravenor, S. G. Hunt, F. H. Lyon, and others. There were also present Bros. Johnston, the Mayor of Newbury; Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; Mason, W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, London; Ayres, Arlidge, G. J. Cosburn, Head, Stradling, Graham, W. Knight, F. Marychurch, Hamlen, Belcher, Mees, Fidler, Johnston, H. S. Hanington, H. J. Hunt, J. B. Cottrell, R. Hickman, H. Hawkins, Fellows, Cozens, and Hill. Apologies for absence were received from Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., and other brethren.

The customary loyal and Grand and Prov. Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, "The health of the Worshipful Master" was suitably proposed by Bro. W. T. Toms, and drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could not find words enough to thank the brethren for the very cordial reception given to the toast, or to thank Bro. Toms for the most kind, although by far too flattering, way in which he proposed it. It was a proud moment for him to stand there as W.M. of the Lodge of Hope. It was a privilege which brought with it serious obligations, and there it was that his troubles began. His heart, however, was in the work, and if he failed it would be from want of ability, and not from lack of zeal. He had the consolation of knowing that he could reckon on their kind assistance, and he hoped also on their indulgence if he fell short.

Bro. J. Bance proposed the "Masonic Charities," and remarked upon the unprecedentedly large sum of £56,000, which had been raised last year on behalf of the three great Masonic Charities.

Bro. Belcher, S.W., suitably responded. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Master," Bro. Stephen Knight, who was thoroughly deserving of all that the brethren could say of him. If there was one man more than another who had Masonry at heart it was Bro. Knight. In addition to his well known kindness of heart, he had also the enviable ability of most accurately rendering the beautiful ritual of their Craft, a further proof of which he had given that evening in the excellent manner in which he conducted the installation ceremony. And then last, but not least, they all knew that when charity was in question, Bro. Knight was always ready to perform his part, whether privately or publicly. There were many cases of unseen kindness which could be told to his credit, and publicly the medals he wore spoke for themselves.

Bro. Stephen Knight, who was warmly received, said it had given him great pleasure to install his friend, Bro. Plenty, who carried out everything that he undertook with a thoroughness that ensured success. He was sure that he would do the same during his year of office, which he hoped would be a happy and prosperous one for the Lodge and its members.

The W.M. then gave "The Immediate Past Master and the other Past Masters of the Lodge of Hope." Bro. Toms had thoroughly proved himself worthy of the confidence placed in him. He hoped he might carry his year of office through with the same success as those who had preceded him.

Bro. Lyon having presented, on behalf of the brethren, a handsome P.M.'s jewel, gold enamelled, to Bro. Toms in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year,

Bro. Toms said he felt at a loss to express his gratitude for the unbounded kindness which the Lodge had evinced towards him during his year of office, and alluded to the handsome silver salver they presented to him on the occasion of his marriage. They had now added to their previous acts by giving him this handsome jewel, which he should prize all his life.

The W.M. then proposed "The Wardens and Officers

of the Lodge of Hope," and Bro. W. H. Belcher briefly responded.

"The Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. Mason, W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, London, who in responding spoke in complimentary terms of the working of the Lodge, and also of the impressive manner in which the ceremonies had been performed. As regards the banquet it would compare most favourably with any other at which he had been present.

"The Initiate" having been toasted, Bro. Maples replied, and assured the brethren that he already took a deep interest in the mysteries of the craft.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The musical arrangements were most complete, the intervals between the speeches being occupied by songs rendered by Bros. Atkins, Cozens, Hunt, Hawkins, &c., and also solos on the flute admirably executed by Bro. Arledge, of Hayling Commercial College. The whole proceedings passed off very pleasantly.

ORMSKIRK.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 580).—On Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., the annual installation of the officers of this lodge was held at the *Wheat Sheaf Hotel*, when there was a numerous gathering of the brethren and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. John Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Jackson, P.M.; J. E. Fisher, P.M.; Robert Ing, P.M. 594; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Jas. Winnard, P.M. 1403; Peter Draper, P.M. 1403; and Henry Catterall, P.M. 986.

Bro. Richard Walker was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. Balmer, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Pilkington, S.W.; D. C. Cooper, J.W.; J. Balmer, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. Thomas, Sec.; J. E. Fisher, P.M., D. of C.; A. Waterhouse, S.D.; H. Kirk, J.D.; T. W. M. Horsburg, I.G.; Harry Archer, S.S.; J. Makinson, J.S.; James Watts, Org.; and W. Martindale, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner. The usual Masonic and other toasts were proposed and responded to. During the evening Bro. J. Balmer, I.P.M. for the second time, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the recipient acknowledged in suitable terms.

MALTON.—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—The members of this lodge celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday last, when Bro. J. D. Dodsworth, S.W., was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. S. King, P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks, and P.M. The ceremony was impressively performed in the presence of a good gathering of the Craft. The newly installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. J. Smithson, I.P.M.; T. N. Goldie, S.W.; J. B. Nicholls, J.W.; Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, Chap.; R. H. Bower, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Metcalfe, Sec.; M. F. W. Williamson, S.D.; R. G. Lucas, J.D.; A. W. Walker, P.M., D. C.; W. J. Marshall, Org.; C. H. Channon, I.G.; E. K. Spiegelhalter, T. C. Clough, Stwds.; Kirton Waudby, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the *Talbot Hotel*, Bro. Fitchett catering in his usual bountiful way. Bro. Dodsworth, W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren, including also a few visitors. The usual toast list was gone through, and the proceedings were conducted with the greatest harmony.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Bro. R. Edmonds, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers, Past Masters, and others: Bros. H. Mason, I.P.M.; W. Rees, S.W.; E. Palmer, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.G.D. Kent, Sec.; G. Letton, S.D.; W. R. Richardson, J.D.; W. B. Ledger, Org.; F. H. Johnson, D.C. and Asst. W.S.; A. Penfold, P.M.; H. J. Butler, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; R. J. Cook, P.M.; Ortr.-Mstr. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; J. Quick, 13; Ortr.-Mstr. J. Morton, 1536; T. Griffiths, F. Haywood, W. Lock, K. Turrell, G. Frost, A. D. Capon, J. Mitchell, C. Gordon, A. Joskey, W. Sanders, F. Baker, W. De Latouche, D. K. Somers, W. Charlesworth, H. Grafton, E. M. Taylor, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The work before the lodge consisted of passing Bros. H. G. De Latouche and D. K. Somers, and raising Bro. W. Charlesworth, both ceremonies being admirably rendered by the W.M. and his officers, who afterwards "closed down" in rare form.

A nicely served supper having been partaken of, the brethren reassembled round the social board, and after having drunk the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent," having been drunk, that of "The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," was honoured.

Bro. Denton, whose name had been coupled with the toast, having responded,

Bro. Mason proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said Bro. Edmonds had given them that night still further proof of his abilities as a Master, and by the impressive manner in which he had performed the Third Degree, must have left a lasting impression, not only on the candidate, but their minds of the obligations imposed upon them.

The Worshipful Master in response felt proud to command two such battalions—one on the right of him and one on the left—as he saw around him that night, especially as they were evidently satisfied with his command.

In responding for "The Past Masters," Bro. Mason would have preferred it to have fallen into the hands of some older Master than himself. The duties of a Past Master were almost as arduous as that of W.M., especially when, as he Bro. Penfold and others constituted themselves Stewards at their festive boards. He however cordially thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Coupland also responded, and paid a high tribute to Bro. Ledger, the Organist, who had so materially helped the ceremonies with appropriate music. In conclusion, Bro. Coupland informed the brethren that the funds of the lodge were sufficient as to warrant their voting an extra 10 guineas to the Charities.

Bros. Spinks, Morton, and Quick responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Rees for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Station-street, a small number of members being present, many being absent on account of keeping up at home the festival of the new year. Bro. H. Peacock, W.M., presided, being supported by Bros. W. Shelton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Crowther Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Col. Sewell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thos. Mason, S.W., W.M. elect; F. A. Cooper, T. Burrowsdale, D. Sinclair, Jos. Hewson, T. J. Sewell, J. Bolton, H. Carruthers, H. Moncrief, and T. Towers. Visitors: Bros. T. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Stoddart, P.M. 371, P.G.S.; C. McGowen, 1989; T. Hartley, 962; T. Clifton Thompson, Sec. 962; Jos. Wood, P.M. 962, P.P.G.S.B.; G. B. Mullen, P.M. 962, P.G.S.B.; T. Hodgson, P.M. 1400; T. Glessall, W.M. 872, D.G.S.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Carlisle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G.S.B., and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the chair was taken by Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M., to whom Bro. Thos. Mason, W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bro. Peacock. Working up the Third Degree, all below the rank of Installed Master retired, when a Board of Installed Masters opened in complete form, the following being the officers: Bros. R. Robinson, S.W.; Thos. Mandle, J.W.; T. Wood, I.G.; and W. Shilton, Tyler. Bro. Mason was then regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and greeted. After calling off and on the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the bulk of the brethren readmitted. The remainder of the ceremony, including the investiture of the officers, presentation of pillars, and addresses, was performed by Bro. Crowther Morton, P.M. The following are the new officers: Bros. Peacock, I.P.M. and Treas.; E. L. Vaughn, S.W.; H. Carruthers, J.W.; Rev. Canon Hoskins, Chap.; R. S. Marsh, S.D.; F. A. Cooper, J.D.; F. Smith, I.G.; John Hewson, Tyler; and Sewell and Taylor, Stewards.

With "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the *Globe Hotel*, where a capital supper was provided by the host, Bro. H. Peacock, and a jovial evening was spent in toast and harmony, under the presidency of the W.M. The festivities were kept up till close upon midnight, when the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 7th inst. Bro. J. Cutts, W.M., presided, there being a good attendance of brethren and members, including Bros. Capt. Garnett (the Installing Officer), P.P.G.S.W.; E. Simpson, P.P.G.P.; H. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Hall, W. H. Bagnall, E. Cordwell, John Hatch, J. Atkinson, J. E. Hannah, N. W. Helme, T. Bayley, W.M. 281, P.M.; J. E. Oglethorpe, W.M. 1353, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees by the W.M., the Installing Officer took the chair, and Bro. J. H. Irvin, J.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Hall and Baynall for installation at the hands of W. Bro. Capt. Garnett. The Installing Officer then proceeded with the ceremony, which he carried out in a very efficient manner, and Bro. Irvin was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the address to the Wards being given by Bro. Longman, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. John Hatch, P.M. After the usual proclamations had been made the newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Cutts, I.P.M.; Capt. Turner, S.W.; A. Kershaw, J.W.; N. W. Helme, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); H. Longman, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); W. Drinkall, S.D.; Dr. Herbert C. Moore, J.D.; Whitlock, I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. After transacting some formal business and passing votes of thanks to the Installing Officer and retiring W.M., the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, there was a very good and hearty gathering in connection with the above lodge, the chair being taken (in the regrettable absence of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Parry, through serious illness) by Bro. John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., supported by Bros. J. D. Reader, I.P.M.; J. J. Savage, P.M.; J. C. Lunt, P.M.; W. Wilkinson, S.W.; G. Hamner, P.M.; R. D. Abraham, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Lewis Peake, W.M. 1015; William Roberts, S.W. 1280; John Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; John Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Bayley, W.M. 1756; W. R. Brewster, W.M. 1473; Rev. J. M. Richardson, Prov. G. Chap., P.M. 1350; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; W. P. Vines, I.P.M. 1570; Wm. Addison, S.D. 1035; C. Arden, P.M. 1356; George King, P.M. 151; R. E. Mitton, I.P.M. 1756; J. J. Smith, S.W. 1035; C. Birch, P.M. 203; R. Abraham, P.M. 1056; G. Gordon, P.M. 72; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. William Wilkinson, S.W., was presented and installed according to ancient rite by Bro. J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C. After the usual honours, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. D. Reader, I.P.M.; W. Roberts, S.W.; M. Pearson, J.W.; G. E. Hamner, P.M., P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); John Lunt, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; F. Ewart, Sec.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap.; J. Shield, S.D.; J. Evans, J.D. (by proxy); R. Hall, I.G.; Thos. Blundell, Org. (re-appointed); J. Unsworth, S.S.; F. L. Lawrenson, J.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler (re-elected).

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A very enjoyable programme of music was well rendered by Bros. D. Williams, J. T. Jones, W. H. Quayle, O. J. Rowlands, and Hargreaves Gill (royal fairy bells), Bro. J. P. Bryan, Prov. G. Org., acting as musical director. During the evening a beautiful silver tea and coffee service was presented to Bro. J. D. Reader, P.M., in grateful appreciation of his valuable services; and a handsome timepiece and vases should have been given to Bro. Dr. Parry had he been able to be present. Bro. J. D. Reader suitably acknowledged the gifts, and thanked the brethren.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge.—(No. 1331).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Adams,

W.M., being supported by his officers and a goodly array of Past Masters, as follows: Bros. Robertson, S.W., an W.M. elect; Barlow, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Clisham, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Norton, S.D.; Todd, J.D.; Campbell, I.G.; Hill, Tyler; Eve, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Parker, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Perkins, P.M.; Vine; White, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Kennedy, P.M. 1536; Moulds, J.W. 1536; and about fifty other brethren.

After the usual preliminaries the W.M. elect was presented and formally installed according to ancient custom by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Adams, who performed the ceremony in strict accordance with the ritual, and in an easy, fluent, and impressive style, which was much appreciated by the brethren present. Bro. Robertson, the newly-installed Master, in presenting Bro. Adams with a Past Master's jewel and collar, voted unanimously at a previous meeting, remarked that he felt proud to be the medium of conveying a well-earned token of merit to a brother for whom they had the highest possible regard, and whose constant labour had been to keep up the prestige of the lodge. Bro. Adams suitably acknowledged the presentation in a few well-chosen words. Bro. Captain Croisdale then gave notice of motion "that thirty guineas be voted to Masonic charity at their next regular lodge meeting."

The brethren appointed and invested to office were Bros. Barlow, S.W.; Norton, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., &c., Treas.; Clisham, P.M., &c., Sec.; Todd, S.D.; Campbell, J.D.; Pardoe, I.G.; Taylor and Thompson, Stwds.; Wingrove, D.C.; and Hill, Tyler. There being no ceremonial business the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured.

Bro. Hickley, P.M., P.P.G.D., responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The I.P.M. proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M." who in reply said he was afraid he should fall short of their expectations, but he would endeavour to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped when he left the chair they would find he had faithfully discharged his obligations.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale having been called upon to respond to the toast of "The Past Masters" said it was an attribute inherent in British soldiers to do their duty, whatever that duty might be, thoroughly well, and to the best of their ability, and he believed their Past Masters, who were all military men, had invariably done so. He had to compliment Bro. Adams upon the work he had accomplished during the past year, crowned as it had been that day by the magnificent manner in which he had installed his successor.

Bro. Hall, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Visitors." He was sure all the visitors had most thoroughly enjoyed themselves; the work in the lodge showed that from Inner Guard to W.M. the ritual had been perfectly mastered, and that their efficiency was not deteriorating.

Bro. Eve, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., responded to the toast of "The Charities," saying he need scarcely remind them that he had been present at all their installation meetings since the lodge was constituted, and he could not help congratulating them upon the admirable manner in which they continued to work upon the good old lines introduced by the founders. Bro. Eve concluded an excellent speech by giving some very pleasing and satisfactory information as to the training the boys and girls received at the Masonic Schools, by which it appears the good seed sown there invariably bore good fruit in their after life.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening, which had been enlivened by some capital songs and recitations.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Monday, the 7th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. D. Mimay, W.M.; H. T. Byrom, S.W.; A. H. Crossley, J.W.; S. A. Oliver, Treas. W. Johnson, Sec.; G. L. Campbell, D.C.; R. B. Seddon, S.D.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, Org.; J. Browne and H. Boucher, Stwds.; T. Wilson, P.M.; C. Beazer, P.M.; R. Bentley, P.M.; C. B. Holmes, P.M.; J. E. Barlow, P.M.; H. Riddlesworth, W. Rigby; and G. G. Tatham. Visitors: Bros. T. Milligan, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 178; J. Parker, W.M. elect 178; E. T. Cooper, P.M. 484, P.P.G.S.B.; H. M. McLintey, P.M. 384; W. Howarth, 249; W. H. Fisher, 1547; J. Weston, 597; O. Roberts, 597; and F. Webb.

The W.M. opened the lodge, and Bro. C. B. Holmes acted as Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Murray, who addressed the officers and placed them in their respective positions. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. T. Byrom, appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. D. Murray, I.P.M.; A. H. Crossley, S.W.; W. Johnson, J.W.; S. A. Oliver, Treas. (re-appointed); R. B. Seddon, Sec.; W. Wall, S.D.; J. Marsden, J.D.; J. Browne, I.G.; and H. Boucher, and W. M. Wylde, Stewards.

The lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the *Victoria Hotel*, where an excellent banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed, and Bro. Byrom briefly responded. The name of the I.P.M., Bro. Murray, was coupled with the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Murray was congratulated upon having had a very successful year, and having contributed materially to the success of the lodge by the excellent working in the lodge. Bros. Johnson, Boucher, McLintey, and Fisher contributed to the musical part of the programme.

NORTHALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—The installation of the W.M. for the next 12 months took place at the Freemasons' Hall in the presence of a large number of brethren. The W.M. elect was Bro. R. H. Southern, and he invited his officers as follows: Bros. G. J. Robinson, S.W.; S. Richmond, J.W.; C. Waistell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. S. Walton, P.M., P.P.C.S.B., Sec.; J. Nettleton, S.D.; H. Warrior, J.D.; T. Boddy, Org.; A. Cuttle, I.G.; T. Russell and J. Simpson, Stewards. Bro. Eli Wilkinson was elected Tyler. The banquet was held at the *Golden Lion Hotel*.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The members of this lodge having heard with much regret of the approaching departure of the W. Bro. Thomas Perry, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Devon, from Torquay, at the regular meeting in December decided to present him with a Life

Governorship in one of the Masonic Charities, that being the form it was considered most pleasing to the brother they intended to honour. Accordingly the sum of ten guineas was voted, Bro. Perry having elected for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows (for which excellent society the W.M. is the Steward of No. 1402 for the ensuing festival), the money was duly paid to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry, and on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., the presentation was formally made in open lodge by the W. Bro. James Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Devon. The address by Bro. Murray was eagerly listened to by a very sympathetic audience, and his allusions to Bro. Perry's valuable services to the lodge as one of its founders, the first Master, and its constant friend and supporter through all its difficulties, until it had arrived at its present position as one of the chief lodges in one of the largest provinces in England, was most heartily received. W. Bro. John Chapman was the S.W. on the formation of the lodge in 1872 and the second Master, but was unavoidably absent through indisposition, and Bro. Murray the J.W. and third Master.

After the business had been transacted, including the raising of two candidates by the W. Bro. A. T. Blamey, P.M., which ceremony he conducted most efficiently and was ably assisted by the W. Bro. John Lane, I.P.M., the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Bolt's, Queen's Hotel, where a supper was spread in a most inviting manner, and everything was well cooked and well served.

The members had the pleasure of congratulating the W.M., Bro. G. J. Pepprell, on the birth of a "Lewis," which pleasing event occurred whilst the lodge was at work, and led to his temporary absence from the hall.

The supper was presided over by the genial Master, who was supported by a good muster of the members and visitors, including Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England; T. Perry, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; James Murray, P.P.G. D.C.; J. Doidge, P.M., Treas.; A. T. Blamey, P.M.; W. Bradnee, P.M.; John Lane, I.P.M.; W. McLean, P.M. 248; Wm. Taylor, W.M. 328; R. Muford, S.W. 328; B. Knight, S.W. 1402; S. Garcia, J.W. 1402; F. Hex, Sec.; who with many others attended the lodge meeting.

After the usual toasts, Bro. J. Murray, by desire of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the special guest, W. Bro. T. Perry," in a eulogistic and most pleasing manner, to which Bro. Perry responded, and after warmly thanking the brethren for the compliment paid him, gave a sketch of the motives which attracted the promoters of the lodge in 1872, and expressed his delight to find that the improvement in the character and status of the Order locally had been achieved through their instrumentality.

Bro. Perry having expressed himself most kindly towards the sister lodge, and the W.M. especially, sat down amidst the plaudits of the brethren, who all sincerely regret that they will soon be deprived of his valued aid and council, by reason of his removal from the county.

We cannot help thinking that the example thus set by Bro. Perry (having already been presented with a P.M.'s jewel) is one that should be more generally followed.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., having been postponed from Christmas Day, and the gathering at headquarters in Hope-street was large, considering the numerous engagements and attractions which served to detain the professional and lay members. The chair, at the commencement of the proceedings, was occupied by Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. W. Savage, I.P.M.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; H. Round, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Eaton Batty, J. Chambers, Tudor Rogers, S. Mattison, J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; D. Cumming, I. Jacobs, J. Galloway, Lewis Hughes, E. Graham, J. H. Light, J. Fineberg, P. Lowndes, J. Ballard, W. Addis, and A. Hines, P.M. 1052. The visitors present comprised Bros. Colonel Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; E. King Ellison, J.D. 1350; A. Ballard, 1380; D. Tyrer, 32; C. W. Bell, D.C. 1674; W. Warburton, 1013; J. C. Nelson, 1210; H. James, P.M. 203; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; E. Paul, P.G.S.; and T. King, 823.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Lionel Ellis, comedian, "Light in the Dark" company; and Mr. Charles A. Giannocopulo, vocalist. This proved unanimously in favour of their election, and they were both initiated into the Order by the W.M., assisted by his officers, the working of the degree being up to the standard of the "Dramatic." Bros. J. Galloway and D. Tyrer, 32, were subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. Before the lodge was closed, the sum of three guineas was voted for the relief of distressed brethren.

After dinner, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and a first-class musical entertainment was given by Bros. Eaton Batty, Josef Cantor, King Ellison, C. A. Giannocopulo, R. Burgess, J. Fineberg, and W. Savage.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (1611)—An unusually large assemblage of brethren attended the regular meeting of this lodge on Monday evening last, the 14th inst. Bro. J. Blenkin, the W.M., was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; W. Knights, W.M. 570 (I.C.); as well as by between 30 and 40 other brethren. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, after which Bro. Percival Holmes was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the lodge library a copy of "Mackey's Lexicon," and Bro. B. L. Mills, of the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 (S.C.), was proposed as a joining member. A telegram was read from Sir J. G. Milner, Bart, M.P., S.W., stating that through the illness of Lady Milner he was unable to leave home and occupy his place in the lodge as he had intended. Bro. Whythead announced that he had received a letter from the Rev. H. R. Coleman, an eminent American Mason, who had been making a Masonic tour in the Holy Land and the East, and who purposed visiting York, and he hoped that it would be possible to make arrangements to give their travelling brother a Masonic reception. After the close of the lodge the brethren met at refreshment, and a most pleasant evening was passed, the numerous visitors expressing their gratification at the warmth of feeling exhibited.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge—one of the best worked of the suburban lodges—took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd inst., at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, near Liverpool, when there was a numerous gathering of brethren. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. P. C. Asbury, and there were also present Bros. J. Henderson, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Y. Pitts, P.M.; T. Delamere, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Armitage, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas.; Dr. O. E. Limrick, Sec.; R. Stirzaker, S.D.; F. Kitchen, I.G.; and E. T. Ingham, D.C. The visitors included Bros. H. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; John Hayes, (P.P.G.S.B.); T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. M. King, S.W. 823; W. E. Coxon, W.M. 1075; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1075; E. Catrall, S.W. 203; R. Bennett, P.M. 1299; H. Chesworth, P.M. 1756; T. Hatton, P.M. 203; J. Hilton, P.M. 1203; W. Ladyman, P.M. 1547; C. Wadsworth, S.W. 292; Dr. Fleetwood, J.W. 1713; W. Savage, I.P.M. 1609; A. Soldat, S.W. 1547; Dr. E. H. Allen, 1609; Major Nicholls, 203; W. T. Brunt, 216; E. Graham, 1609, 203; P. Gibson, S.S. 1299; and W. Ireland, 786.

The post of Installing Master was filled in a most admirable manner by Bro. Dr. Pitts, P.M., the W.M. elect being presented by Bros. Asbury and Henderson, P.M.s. After being installed in the chair, Bro. Thomas Delamere, W.M., invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. P. C. Asbury, I.P.M.; R. Armitage, S.W.; Dr. Limrick, J.W.; E. T. Ingham, D.C. (re-appointed); Luke Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected for the eighth time); J. Lyon, Sec.; R. Stirzaker, S.D.; Dr. Owen, J.D.; J. Harvie, I.G.; W. Pitts, S.S.; J. R. Burrows, J.S.; T. Airey, A.S.; F. Starkey, A.S.; and R. Neville, Tyler (re-elected).

At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to dinner in the large hall. During the evening, Bro. Asbury, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel and dining room clock as a mark of esteem of the brethren. Under the direction of Bro. C. G. Bryan, P.M. 1313, an excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Child, Muir, Hatton, Hargreaves, Nicholls, and others.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—Ferrum Lodge (No. 1848).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Marton-road. There were present Bro. W. J. Williams, W.M., who presided, Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.M. Philanthropy Lodge, Stockton, P.P.G.J.D. Durham; H. Wilson, P.M.; A. Hallam, H. Sherwood, S.W.; John Rushford, J.W. North York Lodge; Geo. Pilkington, A. G. Rudd, P.M.; Geo. Hopper, M.M. Trees Lodge; and a number of Master Masons. The W.M. elect was Bro. John Andrew Malcolmson, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Andrew Farmer, P.M., P.P.G.S.C., assisted by Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., P.G.R. The newly appointed W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. J. Williams, I.P.M.; Dr. Streeton, of Marske, S.W.; Walter Cowper, J.W.; Robert Davison, P.P.G.O., Treas.; Dr. Longbotham, Sec.; J. V. Cooper, S.D.; H. Cochrane, J.D.; W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.P.D.C., D. of C.; J. F. Stewart, Org.; J. Theo. H. Ward, I.G.; and James Ingram, Tyler.

Afterwards the annual banquet was held at the Corporation Hotel, Bro. R. A. Carter's, where a large company enjoyed a recherché repast. During the evening Bro. W. J. Williams, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and a pleasant evening spent.

PORTSMOUTH.—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, there being present Bros. T. Page, W.M.; Martyr, acting S.W.; H. Long, J.W.; P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; J. R. W. Quinn, acting Sec.; Johns, S.D.; Wilson, acting J.D.; Sam. Knight, D.C.; J. P. Livesay, I.G.; Mansell and Carter, Tylers; J. Gieve, P.M.; R. Rastrick, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Johns, P.M.; J. R. Wilson, P.M.; J. Cable, P.M.; E. G. Charpentier, F. Bell, C. B. Steward, J. Damerun, Scadden, E. Davis, Horace D. Wolff, and others, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Wallingford, P.M. 903; H. Long, 903; Lawrence J. Jenkins, and P. H. Emanuel, 1069 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of last regular lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Lieut. Horace Drummond Wolff, Royal Fusiliers, as a candidate for initiation, and proving unanimous, Mr. Wolff was admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the W.M. most impressively performing the ceremony, the J.W. delivering the tools and charge. Apologies were read from Bro. W. Latham Cox, S.W., who was absent on military duties, and from Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., who regretted being prevented (through indisposition) attending the lodge to witness his son's initiation.

The lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to a well-served banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. Rastrick, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Present Prov. Grand Officers," and Bro. Wallingford, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., responded on behalf of "Past Prov. Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Initiate" said that it was a toast that was always received with greater enthusiasm than any other. Since the formation of the Saxe Weimar Lodge they had been fortunate enough to have initiates from all parts of the globe. They felt honoured to have received amongst them that night a son of such a noble father and a noble Mason. He (the W.M.) felt certain that Bro. Wolff would never regret coming amongst them; in his travels over the world he would find doors open to him that otherwise might have been closed.

Bro. H. D. Wolff responded and said that he had long wished to become a Freemason and he felt proud that evening at having joined the Order. He was highly pleased at becoming a member of the Saxe Weimar Lodge, as his father was so closely connected with the town in which it had its home. He apologised for his father's absence and concluded by wishing all a Happy New Year.

Bro. Townsend proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that Bro. Page had obtained the devotion of all the lodge. It was the W.M.'s second year, thus proving he was much respected. He was sure the toast would receive a hearty reception.

Bro. Page in responding said that he had met with uniform kindness from every brother, and his second year of office had certainly been his happiest. If a W.M. did not do his utmost for the lodge, then he was not fit for the position. He had only to look on the very handsome jewel the brethren had presented to him to remind himself of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Till the last day of his life he should look back and think with pleasure of the time when he presided over the brethren of the Saxe Weimar Lodge.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. A. L. Emanuel, Secretary, responded.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. During the evening telegrams were received from Bros. General Bray, Past S.W. of the lodge, and Capt. Pigott, S.S., wishing the brethren a happy new year.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst. at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., when there were present Bros. G. Ferrer, W.M.; Harding, S.W.; Liebman, J.W.; Ashton, S.D.; Rhodes, J.D.; O'Donnell, I.G.; Peary, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; Mullord, Richardson, Gribbell, Gilderslee, Bleakley, Turner, Woolveridge, Ockelford, Fenner, and Weeden.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Turner having offered himself as a candidate was examined and entrusted, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Woolveridge having offered himself as a candidate the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Peary worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Harding was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. A committee having been appointed to make arrangements for the annual supper the lodge was closed in ancient form.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Austin's, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Williams, W.M.; Jeffreys, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; Cross, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bean, I.G.; Frost, P.M. &c., Preceptor; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing was most ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Jeffreys, P.M. 902, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed by him. The brethren of the mother lodge are earnestly requested to attend, and we hope the Installing Master will be well supported. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in due form.

HYDE PARK (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. S. R. Walker, W.M.; F. Swain, S.W.; H. Perdue, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; M. J. Green, J.D.; W. Death, I.G.; H. P. Gilbert, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974, P.M.; A. Rattray, W.M. 1543, P.M.; W. H. Chalton, W.M. 1425, P.M.; R. Payne, P.M. 1328; C. Breitbart, W. Perry, S. J. Humphress, C. S. Mote, H. Robinson, W. H. Wadham, C. J. Morse, and J. W. Belsham. Visitor: Bro. Rattray, W.M. 1543.

The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mote candidate. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Breitbart was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. invested his officers. After Bro. Swain had been re-elected W.M. for next meeting it was agreed that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the 18th February. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

At the meeting on the 14th inst., there were present Bros. F. Swain, W.M.; H. Perdue, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., Preceptor; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; Jabal Webb, S.D.; H. P. Gilbert, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; C. J. Morse, Stwd.; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; W. H. Chalton, W.M. 1425; Bros. J. C. Rhind, C. Breitbart, D. Hart, F. Wilson, J. Lawrence, R. E. Cursons A. Hardy, W. C. Wilson, and E. F. Ferris.

The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lawrence candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Breitbart was passed. Bro. Stimson having answered the usual questions retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and Bro. Chalton was raised. Lodge resumed to First Degree. Bro. Stimpson was elected a joining member. Bro. Perdue was elected W.M. for next meeting.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the meeting held on the 3rd inst. at the Cranbourne, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., there was a large muster of brethren. Lodge was opened by Bros. W. H. Gulliford, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; J. Jacobs, J.W.; H. W. Kedgley, S.D.; Read, J.D.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; B. Solomons, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; L. Sloper, 1017; J. W. Lord, 1348; J. Barren, W.M. 1348; T. Wilson, E. P. Albert, 188, 439, and 1017, P.G.P.; E. Farvig, P.M. 180; B. M. Nathan, John Jacobs, W. H. Read, 1348; J. W. Woodward, H. W. Kedgley, John Figgess, R. Head, Sax, Antoine, S. Jacobs, P.M.; S. Mordecai, Hyams, C. W. Smith, and T. A. Dickson.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Farvig, P.M., then worked the First Section of this lecture. Lodge proceeded to the Second and Third Degrees, and the W.M. of the mother lodge worked the ceremony of installation in a faultless manner, installing Bro. G. Coleman as W.M. Lodge having been resumed to the Second and First Degrees, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Jacobs, S.W.; W. H. Kedgley, J.W.; W. H. Richardson, P.M., Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.;

T. A. Dickson, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; J. Figgess, I.G.; and S. Jacobs, Tyler. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the Third Section of this Lecture. Bros. Sax and Figgess were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. H. Gulliford, W.M., for the able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been conducted.

Bro. Gulliford said he hoped the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction would accept from him as a present the piece of tessellated carpet now on the floor. Whereupon Bro. Albert proposed that a vote of thanks also be recorded on the minutes for the handsome present, and in doing so said he felt sure no lodge of instruction was now so well furnished as the Covent Garden.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed and adjourned. The lodge looks now quite bright and nice with the new collars and jewels and tessellated carpet, which were supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695). At the meeting of this lodge held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at Hornsey Wood Tavern, there were present Bros. Morris, W.M.; Gush, as Preceptor; Fetch, S.W.; Scott, J.W.; Giller, S.D.; Haynes, J.D.; Berry, Sec.; Oldis, I.G.; Rushton, Knights, Nell, Jenkins, Lardner, Fenner, Russell, Chorley, Gregory, Speller, Canfor, Oxley, Hubbard, and Hoare. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jenkins offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the First Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. The Second and Third Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Larchin and Fenner. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" having been voted to Bro. Morris, who was about leaving England for the colonies, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

The following new bye-law was confirmed at this meeting: "That the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising be rehearsed on the first, second, and third Tuesdays in the month respectively, together with the Sections referring to such Degrees; that the work of the fourth Tuesday be in the discretion of the W. Master for the time being, and that when a fifth Tuesday occurs in any month, it shall be the privilege of the Secretary to take the chair."

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—A convocation of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel, presided over by Comp. H. Muggerridge, P.G.S.B., who installed Comps. C. B. Cheese in the chair of First Principal; Thomas Cohe, Second Principal; Herbert Cuff, S.E.; Medwin, S.N.; Darnell, P.S., who appointed Comps. Taylor and Hughes his Assistants. Comp. George Kenning, P.Z., was re-appointed Treasurer. The companions present were Comps. E. F. Storr, P.Z.; Chapman, P.Z.; Cheese, George Kenning, P.Z.; Cohe, Cuff, Medwin, Darnell, Arkell, P.Z.; Martin, Dixon, Cars, Bigley, Orchard, Hughes, Hawes, Taylor, Dingle, Potter, Kent, Walker, Hollands, Gibbs, and Archer. Visitors: Comps. Foulger, 177; G. W. T. Muggliston, 933; Wm. Birdseye, 22; T. W. Carnell, 1216; G. Clark, 177; and Forbes, 1329.

Comp. Muggerridge exalted Bros. Baruch Cars and H. Martin. Comp. E. F. Storr was presented with a massive gold P.Z.'s jewel, who returned thanks in an eloquent speech. On the proposition of the Treasurer £2 2s. was voted unanimously from the funds of the chapter to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund;" £2 2s. was also voted to be placed on the list of Comp. E. F. Storr, who will represent the chapter at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held next month. The chapter was then closed in solemn form, and the companions adjourned to dinner, under the gavel of the newly-installed Z., Comp. C. B. Cheese, a most enjoyable evening being the result.

THE BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at Mason's Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, City, Comps. F. Sharrett, M.E.Z.; Carpenter, H.; and H. Thompson, P.Z., J. The convocation having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, Comp. E. H. Frances took the chair, when Comps. Carrington, Pridmore, and Bond were severally presented and installed into the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J.; the whole of these long and interesting ceremonies being performed with an impressiveness and care rarely if ever superseded. He was ably assisted by Comp. Vincent, of the Eccleston Chapter. The following were the appointments made: Comps. Carrington, M.E.Z.; Pridmore, H.; Bond, J.; Seaman, P.S.; Sharratt, Treas.; Green, S.E.; Gordon, S.N.; and Bavin, Janitor. A handsome jewel was presented to Comp. Sharrett, he having occupied the position of M.E.Z. for two years. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comps. Frances and Vincent for the valuable services they had rendered in the ceremonies of installation. Propositions for joining and exaltation at the next convocation were given, and the chapter was closed in due form and adjourned until April next.

The companions then retired to the banquet room for refreshment, and on the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to, and the entire proceedings gave unqualified satisfaction.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The usual meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Comps. W. Nicholl, Z.; J. P. Steward, H.; J. Wilson, J.; R. R. Lisenden, S.E. (Freemason); W. H. Cunliffe, S.N.; J. W. Edwards, Treas.; C. Oldham, P.S.; J. W. Almond, 1st Asst. S.; J. G. Elderton, 2nd Asst. S.; J. Sly, Janitor; J. Bladon, P.Z.; W. R. Sowter, P.P.S.; J. J. Lambert, P.S.E.; J. Garside, J. Frankenberg, A. Wild, H. R. G. Bayley, and W. B. Akerman. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, 166, 645, 1387, Prov. G.J.; Walter Biggs, 1st A.S. 1496; and J. Hothersall, 645.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the

companions adjourned to tea. Labour having been resumed, and this being the night for electing the three Principals and officers for the ensuing year, the following companions were elected to fill the various offices: Comps. J. E. Stewart, Z.; J. Wilson, H.; C. Almond, J.; R. R. Lisenden, S.E. (re-elected); W. J. Cunliffe, S.N. (re-elected); J. W. Edwards, Treas. (re-elected); J. W. Almond, P.S.; and J. Sly, Janitor. At the request of the M.E.Z., and as announced on the circular, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe proceeded to read an interesting account of the early history and primitive usages of Royal Arch Freemasonry. The reading was listened to with marked attention, and at the conclusion Comp. Sillitoe was loudly applauded, a hearty vote of thanks being recorded for his kindness in being present, and for his entertaining reading.

Comp. Sillitoe, in returning thanks for the compliment, promised on a future occasion to read the concluding portion of his manuscript.

There being no further business to transact "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed.

MALTON.—King Edwin Chapter (No. 660).—On the 8th inst. the ceremony of installing the principals and officers of this chapter was impressively performed at the Masonic Hall, by Comp. J. Marshall, P.Z., the following companions being afterwards invested officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Hudson, M.E.Z.; J. W. Marshall, H.; W. Constable, J.; J. B. Nicholls, S.E.; J. Buckle, S.N.; R. J. Smithson, P.S.; R. H. Bower, Treas.; W. Heckley, Org.; T. M. Goldie, D.C.; R. Bradley, Swd. Br.; R. G. Lucas, 1st A.S.; W. R. Metcalfe, 2nd A.S.; and K. Vaudby, Janitor.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—This chapter of improvement held its usual meeting on the 15th inst. at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Comp. Lilley, Z., in the chair, supported by Comps. Daniel, H.; Webb, J.; Bell, S.N.; and E. C. Beedell, P.S. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell being the candidate. The following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing fortnight: Comps. Maidwell, Z.; Webb, H.; J. S. Fraser, J.; Langdon, S.N.; and Powell, P.S. Comp. Brown agreed to work the installation of Principals on the first Tuesday in March. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, W.C., and which will doubtless prove a red letter day in the history of this old M.M.Ms. lodge, inasmuch that they "advanced" no less than eight very worthy and distinguished brethren. The lodge was opened in the following form: W. Bro. John Walmsley, P.P.G.J.D., W.M.; Bros. William Vincent, S.W.; G. W. Whitaker, J.W.; James H. Hawkins, M.O.; Charles J. Axford, S.O.; G. Allen, J.O.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., Sec.; Charles Taylor, S.D.; and C. H. Phillips, I.G.; supported by Bros. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M.; H. Baldwin, P. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, P.M.; W. Poore, P. Prov. G.J.O., P.M.; W. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, P.G.O., Grand Asst. Sec., P.M., &c.; Bros. John Grist and J. D. Arnold. Visitors: Bros. E. B. Woohouse, 25; E. J. Mills, Old Kent; D. Stroud, 8; George S. Graham, P.P.G. Org., W.M. 214, acting as Organist pro tem.; and Thomas, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., &c., assumed the chair of A. and a successful ballot having been taken for the following brethren, viz.: Bros. C. Edmonds, 1507; H. Jenner, 1964; Thomas J. Hamp, 1201; J. Gregory, P.M. 1538; Charles Lee, 1624; James Carter, P.M. 212; John W. Ray, 1624; and Hugh Marcus Hobbs, 1790. They were all duly advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. in the most efficient and impressive manner by the acting W.M., Bro. Poore, and his officers. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Graham for his able assistance as acting Organist.

The lodge being closed according to ancient custom, the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, where they enjoyed an excellent banquet served up in the most recherché style under the superintendence of Bro. Hamp, the able manager, one of the newly-advanced candidates. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Officers of Grand Mark Lodge" was ably responded to by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., and that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" by Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C.

This lodge will hold another emergency meeting on Monday, 4th February, together with a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge.

Scotland.

KELSO.—Kelso Lodge (No. 58).—The annual statutory meeting of St. John was held by this lodge on Thursday, the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Bro. Shearer, the R.W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and installed his office-bearers as follows: Robert Swan, D.M.; James Steel, S.M.; Rev. P. McKerron, J.P.M. and Chaplain; W. S. Pearson, S.W.; James McDougal, J.W.; R. Rodgers, Sec.; J. W. Plummer, Treas.; W. F. Vernon, Bard; Rees a Beckett Evans, Org.; T. Laing, Jeweller; J. Hume, S.D.; W. R. Plummer, J.D.; W. G. Knight, F.S.; Thomas Murray, S.S.; George Crease, I.G.; James Allan, Tyler (who has been re-elected to this office for the forty-seventh time). After the installation, the R.W.M. initiated into the mysteries of the Craft Messrs. Weddell, Allan, and Pringle. The Secretary (Bro. Vernon), in his report, stated that there had been fourteen meetings during the year, at which 280 brethren had attended, giving an average of about 22 brethren at each meeting. There were 6 initiations, 6 passings, 5 raisings, and 4 affiliations, the number on the roll of members now being 75.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Foresters' Hall, where, with a select company of ladies, an excellent programme of dances was gone through. Between thirty and forty couples were present, Bros. Shearer, R.W.M., and Pearson, S.W., leading off the Grand March and

Triumph with Misses Steel and Vernon respectively. Dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit till an early hour to the enlivening strains of a most excellent band, under the leadership of Bro. R. a B. Evans. The duties of M.C. were most efficiently performed by Bro. W. Plummer. We understand that very recently the brethren of the above lodge, remembering their fundamental principle, distributed in charity several loads of coals to the poor and deserving widows of brethren resident in the neighbourhood.

HAWICK.—St. John's Lodge (No. 111).—The brethren met on the evening of St. John's Day, in the lodge room, for the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The Treasurer's report for the past year was read, from which it appeared the lodge was in a sound and flourishing condition. The following are the office-bearers for the year: Bros. Adam Mills, R.W.M.; H. Dobson, D.M.; James Tulley, S.M.; Wm. Hobbkirk, S.W.; W. Anderson, J.W.; A. S. Lawson, Treas.; A. Heggie, Sec.; Rev. J. Thompson, Chap.; Dr. Brydon, M.D.; R. Hunter, Bard; J. Bracie, S.D.; A. Irving, J.D.; F. Richardson, I.D.G.; A. Grant, Org.; D. Lawrie and James Scott, Stewards; James Rutherford, B.B.; G. Fisher, S.B.; A. S. Lawson, Jeweller; and W. Waldie, Tyler.

During the evening the Secretary, Bro. Heggie, was presented with a beautiful jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge; and Bro. Dobson, D.M., with his usual liberality, and as a further illustration of the great interest he takes in the lodge, presented a splendid set of candlesticks, which, together with the jewel, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The annual festival was celebrated on the following evening by a grand and imposing torchlight procession. The brethren met in the lodge room, at 7 o'clock, and to the number of nearly 100 marched by torchlight, headed by the Volunteer brass band, by Wilton to St. John's Church, where the members of the lodge were most impressively addressed by Bro. the Rev. Macphail, Hopekirk; Bro. the Rev. John Thompson, Chaplain of the lodge, being also present. The rev. gentleman, on the conclusion of the address, returned with the brethren to the Masonic Hall, where an excellent supper was in waiting, provided by Bro. Robson, in his best style. The spread was most enticing, and was presided over by the R.W.M., supported by Bros. the Revs. John Thompson and Macphail. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a very pleasant celebration was concluded with a song.

EDINBURGH.—St. Stephen Lodge (No. 145.)

—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the University Hotel, on the 27th ult., to celebrate the Festival of St. John. On the arrival of the R.W.M., Bro. Mackenzie, and office-bearers the lodge was duly opened in the E.A. Degree by W. Bro. Andrew Clarke, P.M., who then proceeded to re-install Bro. Colin Mackenzie, R.W.M., as Master for the forthcoming year. This being done, the installing Master then proceeded to install the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. M. Sinclair, S.M.; Cameron, D.M.; J. Wilson Martin, S.W.; W. Mathieson, J.W.; Wadler, Treas.; J. Douglas Ramsay, Sec.; F. Reginald Trongden, S.D.; G. McFarlane, J.D.; Reid, I.G.; and Montgomery, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was performed by the R.W. brother in his usual impressive manner, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him, and the lodge then adjourned to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. Greig, of the University Hotel.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to. It being customary in Edinburgh for the various lodges to visit one another on St. John's Night, three deputations, headed respectively by W. Bro. Wadler, P.M.; Bro. J. Wilson Martin, S.W.; and Bro. F. Reginald Trongden, S.D.; these left and visited the different lodges in Edinburgh, where they met with a most hearty Masonic welcome.

Previous to the departure of the deputations, W. Bro. Clarke, P.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. Colin Mackenzie, R.W.M., with a handsome clock, congratulating him on his being re-elected to the chair of the lodge, and on the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties as Master during the past year, during which time he had brought the lodge from the some what low ebb which it held at the commencement of his year of office, to such a standard that it was now second to none in the district. W. Bro. Clarke further expressed a hope that the R.W.M. would be supported by his officers in the forthcoming year, and, as previously, that one and all would take an example from their R.W.M. in performing their Masonic duties in that kindly manner which characterised Bro. Mackenzie, always combining the "suaviter in modo" with the "fortiter in re" in all their Masonic work. Bro. Clarke having alluded to the distinguished work Bro. Mackenzie had done for Masonry in India and Scotland and to the high position Bro. Mackenzie held in the higher degrees of Freemasonry, resumed his seat amid vociferous cheering.

Bro. Mackenzie, R.W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their handsome present, and trusted that in all his Masonic duties he would always have the approbation of his lodge.

Bro. Mackenzie then presented the lodge with a souvenir of his re-election to the chair, in the form of the old lodge snuff horn (the gift of a former R.W.M.), mounted on a "level" with wheels made from curious old coins which the R.W.M. had collected during his Eastern travels, and bearing a suitable inscription, the work of setting the horn on its carriage being done by Bro. Marshall, of this lodge. Bro. Mackenzie was then accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his most handsome gift to the lodge—a further example of the debt of gratitude which the lodge owes to their R.W.M.

During the evening various brethren from deputations and Bros. Mackenzie, R.W.M., McFarlane, Ramsay, Trongden, McCormack, Fullarton, and others enlivened the proceedings with numerous songs, and Bro. F. McGrath, M.A., officiated at the piano with his customary skill. About 2 a.m. the lodge adjourned from refreshment, and was afterwards closed by the R.W.M. in peace, love, and harmony, every brother having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Bros. Martin, Ramsay, and Geo. McFarlane then visited lodge North British Railway, as a deputation from St. Stephen's, and remained until the closing of that lodge at four a.m.



Comp. E. F. Storr was presented with a massive gold jewel by the Lion and Lamb Chapter of Royal Arch Masons on Wednesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel.

At the Universal Lodge, No. 181, on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. R. Norris was installed into the chair of K.S. with great eclat. We shall give a full account of the proceedings in our next issue.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Tring Station at seven o'clock on Tuesday evening en route for Halton Mansion, the residence of Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, where he is expected to remain till to-day (Friday) enjoying the shooting of the district.

A marble statue of the late William Wilberforce was presented to the town of Hull on Tuesday by Mr. H. Briggs, who was the sheriff of the town and county last year. The statue was unveiled by Bishop Wilberforce, of Newcastle, grandson of the liberator, in the presence of the mayor, town councillors, and a large company.

The brethren attending the services at St. Alban's Abbey have recently made a great improvement to the pulpit, which was presented by the Freemasons of England, by the addition of a pair of handsome three-light brass standards for candles, designed by John Oldred Scott, Esq., and manufactured by Messrs. Henry Marlow and Co., 127, Regent street, W.

The sixth annual ball of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, in conjunction with the chapter, was held on the 11th inst., at the Westminster Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. C. Taylor, W.M. About 150 ladies and gentlemen were present. Bro. Seaton's band was fully appreciated. Bro. McKenzie, piper Scots Guards, in Highland costume, played on the bagpipes to the Highland schottische.

The *Keystone* says:—Is this Masonic progress? Grand Master Van Hoose, of Arkansas, said that when he became a Mason, twenty-nine years ago, there were only two lodges in his county, and they were always well attended, although many old Masons had to ride from ten to fifteen miles to attend lodge meetings. Now there are twenty lodges in the same county, and it is sometimes a hard matter to get a quorum at a regular meeting!

The following dinners have been held during the past week at Freemasons' Tavern: Jan. 14th—London Society Ball; St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge. Jan. 15th—Old Paulines' Club, Salisbury Lodge, Cadogan Lodge. Jan. 16th—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Noviomagus, Messrs. Spreckley, White, Lewis, and Co.'s Complimentary Dinner. Jan. 17th—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge, Linnean Club. Jan. 18th—Nelson Club Ball, Metropolitan Dairymen's Association, Jordan Lodge, University Lodge.

A great deal of nonsense has been written at various times about the right of various regiments to march through the City of London with bayonets fixed and colours flying, and we are now asked by a correspondent for information on the same subject "to settle a wager between two Bristol gentlemen." We cannot accept the duty of settling wagers on any subject, but there is no harm in our stating that the East Kent Regiment enjoys the privilege of marching through the City with drums beating and colours flying.—*Broad Arrow.*

Bro. E. Dresser-Rogers, C.C., was last week elected chairman of a committee of freeholders and others, at Great Bookham, Surrey, appointed for the purpose of settling with the London and South Western Railway Company the compensation to be paid by the company for common rights over a portion of Bookham Common, and also to consider improvements contemplated in regard to approach roads, &c., to the new station. The railway is rapidly approaching completion, and it is expected will open up this beautiful part of Surrey for residential purposes.

The Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006, was consecrated on Wednesday, at the offices of the contractors for the Tilbury Docks, at the Docks Works. The lodge was to have been consecrated by Lord Brooke, the Prov. Grand Master for Essex, but at the last moment his lordship was unable to be present, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the Dep. Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Donald S. Baynes, the engineer of the Docks, was installed as the first Master of the lodge; Bro. Augustus Manning, as S.W.; Bros. Alexander Dudgeon, J.W.; Frank Kirk, as Treas.; Joseph Randall, as Sec.; J. M. Ross, as S.D.; Porter, as I.G. and Hamilton, as D.C. A banquet followed at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend. A report will appear in our next.

The first annual Masonic ball in Lancaster, the proceeds of which will be given to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, promises to be a very successful affair. It will be held in the Mess Rooms of the 3rd and 4th Battalion of the 4th King's Own (Royal Lancaster) Regiment, and is under the patronage of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Countess of Carnarvon; Earl Lathom, Deputy G.M., and the Countess of Lathom; Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, D.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and Lady Constance Stanley; Earl Bective, Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, and the Countess of Bective; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; Lord Hartington, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire; Capt. Garnett, Prov. G.S.W.; J. Fenton, P.M., Ex-Mayor of Lancaster; and a number of local Masons. The duties of Secretary are being carried out by Bro. R. Stanton, S.W. 281.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friend to persons afflicted with ulcerations, bad legs, sores, abscesses, fistulas, and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure, to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments; bad legs, old age's great grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient to bed, or withdrawing from him or her the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded, when weakening diseases attack advanced years or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.—[ADVT.]

Bro. T. W. C. Bush was on Thursday Installed W.M. of the Temple Bar Lodge at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. A report will appear in our next.

It is said that a proposal will be made to confer the freedom of the City of London on Bro. Lord Shaftesbury on the occasion of the banquet at which he is to be entertained by Bro. the Lord Mayor in the course of the summer.

With a view to encourage the development of art taste among boys attending public elementary schools at Canterbury, several gentlemen have agreed to pay for the instruction of a number of youths at the Sidney Cooper School of Art in that city.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book," published by Mr. Kenning, of Great Queen-street, deserves a word of praise. It is a well-compiled and comprehensive book of Masonic reference, and will be much appreciated by all members of the Craft.—*Court Circular.*

The eldest son of Bro. Lord Methuen, Prov. G.M. Wiltshire, of Corsham Court, Wilts, Colonel the Hon. Paul Sanford Methuen, C.B., Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-master-General of the Home District, late Military Attaché at Berlin, was married on the 9th inst., at Nynehead parish church, Somerset, to Mary Ethel Sanford, second daughter of Mr. William Ashford Sanford, Nynehead Court, Somerset. The ceremony was performed the Bishop of Bath and Wells, father-in-law of Mr. Sanford.

The new Roman Catholic Cathedral at Westminster is to be built immediately, on plans borrowed from the designs of the Votivkirche in Vienna, drawn by the late Baron von Perstel. It is to form the centre of the extensive quadrangle comprising the site of Tothill-fields Prison, which is acquired at a cost of £105,000. The Cathedral will be 570ft. long and 350ft. wide at the nave, and is estimated to cost £500,000.

A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at which it was decided to found a Lodge for members of the University, London, to be called the University of London Lodge. The meeting stands adjourned to Wednesday, 23rd inst., to complete the necessary preliminaries. A wish was strongly expressed that the Lord Mayor of London, who is a distinguished graduate of the University, would consent to be the first Worshipful Master.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has accepted the office of W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, Suffolk, to which his Royal Highness has been duly elected for the ensuing year. It is understood that the Duke has intimated his intention to appoint Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, of Moynes Park, as Deputy, and that the installation ceremony will be performed shortly by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. The honour conferred on this lodge is attributable to the fact that Prince Leopold takes his title of Earl of Clarence from the ancient town of Clare, and has been an honorary member for the past two years.

During the week ending December 22nd in 28 cities of the United States, having an aggregate population of 6,557,500, there died 2652 persons, which is equivalent to an annual death-rate of 21.0 per 1000. For the North Atlantic cities the rate was 19.9; for the Eastern cities, 22.3; for the Lake cities, 17.4; for the River cities, 16.8; and in the Southern cities, for the whites 24.2, and for the coloured 38.7 per 1000. 33.7 per cent. of all the deaths were of children under five years of age.

The feature of emigration from Great Britain in 1883 is the fact that, though its volume is smaller than that of the years immediately preceding, the numbers proceeding to the Colonies show an extraordinary increase; and that the figures in connection with the United States show an actual decrease for the eleven months ending November 30th last, as compared with the returns of the same period in 1882. The total number of actual settlers who located in Canada during the ten months ending October 31st last, is returned at 99,842, as against 82,482 in the corresponding period last year. All the arrivals have either settled on the land or have found employment in connection with the expanding industries of the country, the many railway and other public works in course of construction. There is practically, an illimitable extent of good land still unoccupied, and the demand for labour during the coming season is expected to exceed that of any previous year. The want of female domestic servants is much felt, and any number of this class could find immediate employment at all seasons of the year. The financial position of the Dominion has materially improved since we last had the pleasure of calling attention to its rapid development, and after a close study of all the conditions obtaining in that country, we see no reason why the era of prosperity, inaugurated four years ago, should not be sustained for a long time to come.

Bro. Wilkinson, Secretary of the York College of the Rosicrucian Society of England, has issued the following circular:—"C. Prater, —The Chief Adept of the Province is anxious that the next Annual Meeting of the College, which will be summoned in February, 1884, at York, should be made the occasion of a scientific Masonic gathering, at which papers may be read on Masonic subjects and an exhibition held of Masonic curiosities of all kinds. The Chief Adept suggests that the meeting of the College should be held at an early hour, and that invitations should be issued for a Masonic conversazione in the evening to which all Master Masons should be admitted by ticket. As it seems probable that such a gathering would conduce largely not only to the advancement of the College and the Order, but to the intelligent study of Freemasonry generally, I shall be glad if you will furnish the Chief Adept (Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York,) as soon as possible with a list and description of articles you may possess which you consider worthy of inspection, as well as with the names of Brethren possessing Masonic rarities who may be induced to lend them. By this means it will be possible to issue a descriptive catalogue, as a guide to those who attend the conversazione. I am, yours fraternally, T. J. WILKINSON, Secretary. Thirsk, Dec. 27th, 1883."

MORE CURES (this week) by DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—"I have prescribed the Wafers for upwards of thirty years, and can speak highly of their soothing effects upon all the respiratory organs, giving almost instant relief. A gentleman farmer, residing near Liverpool, states: 'They have saved my life!' I am never without them."—(Signed) EDWARD MICKLE, A.P.S., 48, Stanley-road, Liverpool. They taste pleasantly, and effect a rapid cure. Price 1s, 1½d, and 2s, 9d, per box of all Druggists.—[ADVT.]

A new Masonic paper has been started at Fort Worth, Texas, under the title of *The Texas Freemason*. The initial number is filled with interesting matter.

A new Masonic hall, one of the finest in the State of Indiana, was dedicated at Warsaw on the 27th ult., Bro. E. L. McLallen officiating as Grand Master.—*Masonic Advocate.*

Bro. A. Haigh-Brown was installed W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, held at the Guildhall Hotel, E.C., and a handsome jewel was presented to the outgoing W.M., Bro. James S. Fraser. We hope to furnish a report in our next.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, now meets on Monday evenings at seven o'clock at 202, Whitechapel-road, where Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, P.M. and P.Z. 820, has kindly fitted up a room for the purposes of the lodge. Its late place and time of meetings were 88, Gracechurch-street, on Wednesday evenings.

The Lady Mayoress gave a brilliant and largely attended juvenile ball at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening, when rather more than a thousand guests, for the most part young folks, were present. In this instance, though fancy dress was not obligatory, there was a great display of taste and artistic blending of colour in the bright costumes worn, the scene in the ball-room when dancing was at its height being gay in the extreme.

P.G.M. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin justly condemns the too customary practice of permitting defaulting officers to escape punishment. Illinois has been negligent in this direction; but the last steal was so indefensible that it turned over the delinquent to the tender care and supervision of the State. It was not a pleasant thing to do, but it was a duty that could not be avoided.—*Proceedings G.L. Illinois.*

The executors of the late Mr. T. Holloway, carrying out the wishes of the deceased, called together, last week, all the clerks in the office to the room of the late Mr. Holloway, in Oxford-street, and presented to the head of each department a cheque for £100, at the same time giving him an advance of £30 per annum in salary. To the other members of the staff they gave sums of money and an increase of salaries proportioned to the length of their service.

Bros. Moore and Burgess very kindly placed forty seats at the disposal of the young people staying at the Institute for Girls during the Holidays. Bro. Eugene Montennis, P.M., with equal kindness took them there and back in omnibuses, so that our young friends had a great treat and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We think that these acts of kindly consideration deserve a few lines of notice in our columns.

We are informed that a Portsmouth solicitor, recently deceased, has bequeathed the sum of £2000 to the Portsmouth Grammar School, for the purpose of founding a scholarship, a condition, however, being attached to the effect that no Jew or son of a Freemason shall be allowed to participate in the benefits of the bequest. It has been decided by the governors of the school to accept the bequest on the condition named.

A students' concert of the Highbury and Islington Organ School and College of Music was given on Tuesday last, at 13, Downham-road, N., under the direction of the talented principal, Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M. The programme included many numbers of thoroughly high class music, and the various performers acquitted themselves admirably. We noticed several of the executants were only in their first term, and congratulate Miss Stephens upon their proficiency. The accompanists were Miss F. Smith, Mr. Gray, and Miss Berrie Stephens.

Diss's Household Fire Escape.—There is no doubt that very many of the lives that are annually lost through fire would be saved, were there at hand appliances for coping with the flames in the early stages of the conflagration, and it is equally clear that similar beneficial results would follow, if in the attempt to arrest the fire at its outset proving ineffectual, there were means instantly available by which the inmates of a house on fire might contrive their escape from the premises. It is no infrequent occurrence for a life or lives to be sacrificed because the fire escape was not brought to the spot with sufficient promptitude or was stationed too far off to be turned to a useful account. Mr. Diss's invention is likely to prove most valuable. It is intended to be kept on the premises and may be affixed to any window frame in a house. Owing to the simplicity of its construction, there is little danger in the excitement of the moment of its getting out of gear. Mr. Diss's Fire Escape, which goes by the appropriate name of "The Rescue," consists of a hollow iron arm or bracket; in this are inserted three pulleys, through which is passed a rope tested to any required strength. The pulleys are arranged and hung on bolts in such a manner that the rope may pass over them at quick speed, so that the person using it may steady—or if need be, stop—any weight and lower it to the ground with perfect care and safety. An ornamental iron socket—to secure the arm or bracket—is screwed to the inside of the window frame, and there is also a small catch-plate on the outside of the window frame to keep the arm in a fixed position when in use. The escape consists of the best tested rope and leather belt complete for use, and is so compact that it may easily be carried in a carpet bag. It is guaranteed to carry any weight up to a quarter of a ton and may be put into use at once. Mr. Diss very recently gave an exhibition of his Escape at a house in Princes-street, Ipswich. "The Rescue" was fixed to a third floor window and some 30 or 40 people ranging in weight from about three to 15 or 16 stone were lowered to the ground with the greatest ease imaginable in the presence of a large number of people, among whom was the Superintendent of the Ipswich Fire Brigade, who let himself down by it and expressed his great satisfaction with the ease, simplicity, and speed with which it was worked. Indeed, everyone who has had an opportunity of witnessing experiments with or personally testing Mr. Diss's Escape will come to the conclusion that it is a most important invention, and, as it is the reverse of costly, householders will do well to have one on their premises.

MADAME TUSAUD'S EXHIBITION.—Special attractions, including Portrait Models of the Duke of EDINBURGH, Sir Evelyn Wood Hicks Pasha, Baker Pasha, and M. Ferdinand de Lesseps. Captain Webb (taken from life). Costly Court Dresses. Also Marwood (taken from sittings) and James Carey, the informer.—Admission 1s, Extra rooms, 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]